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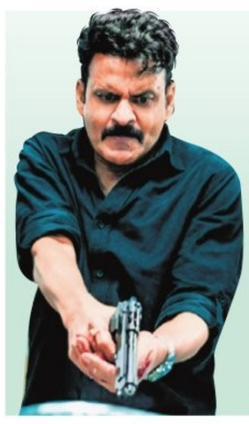

Netflix pulls Ghooskhor Pandat content after govt fiat

The film's title triggered outrage on social media, with many saying it portrays a particular community in a bad light.

The Uttar Pradesh Police registered an FIR against the film's director Ritesh Shah.

Producer Neeraj Pandey said the film does not target any caste, religion or community.

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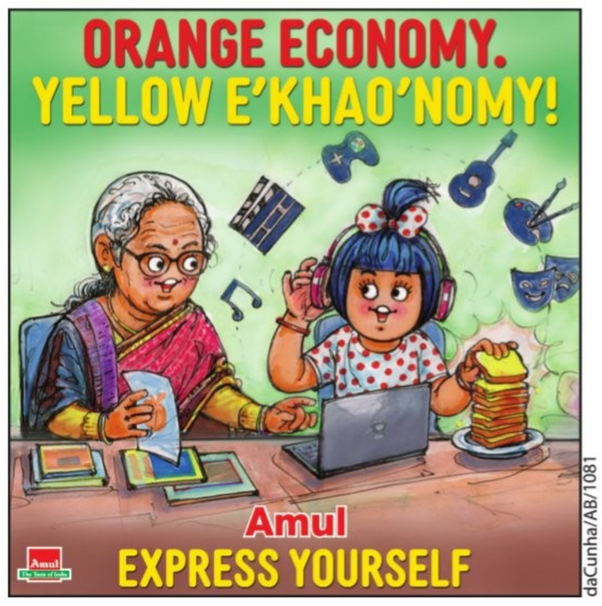

Vaibhav gives English lessons

HIT-WAVE

ICC MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP

Today's Matches

11am: Pakistan vs Netherlands (Colombo)

3pm: West Indies vs Scotland (Kolkata)

7pm: India vs USA (Mumbai)

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

RIGHT after losing the Asia Cup to Pakistan, the India U-19 team was under pressure. For a boy of 14, that seemed like a mountain. Despite magical debut, questions were raised about Vaibhav Sooryavanshi's ability to play in crunch games. The only way he could have stopped those doubters was through his knocks.

And that came on Friday at the final of the U19 World Cup. Sooryavanshi, playing like a man in a boy's match, struck one of the greatest 100s to help India win their sixth U-19 World Cup. A day before the seniors start their campaign to defend the T20 World Cup at home, Sooryavanshi & Co produced a power-packed batting performance against England in the final at Harare.

What seemed most astonishing is the way Sooryavanshi could middle the ball with such consummate ease and regularity. He made a record-breaking 80-ball 175 (15x4, 15x6). England tried gamely but fell 100 runs short.

On a sun-kissed day, India, who opted to bat first, needed to make hay as England had several batting match-winners in their ranks. They needn't have worried as their principal batter, Sooryavanshi, already exposed to senior cricket in all three formats, tore into the English attack. **P17**

LS rift may hit rest of session

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

WITH the ties between the government and the Opposition at a near breaking point, uncertainty hangs over the remaining days of the first phase of the Budget Session in the Lok Sabha. Opposition parties have signalled that protests will be intensified as there has been no conciliatory move from the government, fuelling fears of further disruptions to discussion on the Union Budget 2026-27 in the week ahead.

The flashpoints are the government's refusal to allow Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi to speak in the Lok Sabha on former Army chief General Naravane's book and the suspension of eight Opposition MPs for alleged unruly behaviour.

The divide deepened after Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a sharp attack on the Congress and other Opposition parties in the Rajya Sabha on Thursday. Speaker Birla's remark that he had 'credible information' about some MPs planning an 'unprecedented action' against the PM added fuel to the fire, with Opposition leaders strongly objecting to the allegation.

Opposition members protest in the Well raising slogans against the government in the Lok Sabha on Friday | PTI

The Lok Sabha is scheduled to resume discussion on the Budget on February 9, 10 and 11, with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman set to reply on February 11. However, Opposition leaders have made it clear the debate may not proceed as scheduled. Although the Budget discussions were to begin on February 5, proceedings were stalled due to pandemonium.

The first phase of the Budget Session is scheduled to conclude on February 13. After a recess, Parliament will reconvene for the second phase from March 9 to April 2.

Congress chief whip Kodikunnil Suresh told this paper that the government had shown little inclination to engage with the Opposition. "It is the government's responsibility to reach out to the Opposition and resolve differences. No such effort has been made. On Wednesday, our leaders met the Speaker and placed demands, but there has been no response," he said.

RBI will pay up to ₹25k to digi victims

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

WITH digital frauds becoming commonplace, the RBI decided to cast a safety net around banking customers by paying 70% of small value money or up to ₹25,000 lost in fraudulent transactions, RBI governor Sanjay Malhotra said on Friday. This is a once in a lifetime arrangement without asking questions provided that no malafide intent. The customer would not even be asked if he shared the OTP with the fraudster.

The remaing 30% loss will be equally shared by the customer (15%) and the bank to ensure all parties have skin in the game, Malhotra said.

This was among the measures the RBI announced for better customer protection and digital payments safety as part of fresh regulations, including stricter guidelines on mis-selling, loan recovery, and customer liability.

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- **Saturday:** 07.02.2026 • **Year:** Vishwavasu • **Ayana:** Uttharayana
- **Ritu:** Sishir • **Masa:** Magha • **Paksha:** Krishna • **Tithi:** Shashti 3.41 am
- **Nakshatra:** Chittha 3.31 am • Moon in Tula Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 09:00 am to 10:30am
- **Gulikakala:** 06:00 am to 07:30 am • **Yamaganda:** 01:49 pm to 03:26 pm

WEATHER
MIN 12°C | MAX 30°C
FORECAST Scattered clouds

Sunrise 06.44 am | Sunset 06.23 pm | Moonrise 11.05 pm | Moonset 10.16 am

IT'S CURTAINS

Vanya, Sabar Bonda, The Last Land win Best Film awards at BIFFes

Composer Hamsalekha receives the lifetime achievement award at BIFFes from Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao and actors Prakash Raj and Sadhu Kokila at the conclusion of the Bengaluru International Film Festival on Friday | KEVIN NASHON

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THE 17th edition of the Bengaluru International Film Festival (BIFFes) concluded on Friday with Kannada film *Vanya*, Marathi film *Sabar Bonda* and Japan's *The Last Land* winning the Best Film awards in the Kannada, Indian (Chitrabharati) and Asian competition sections respectively. Noted music director and lyricist Hamsalekha was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award at the valedictory event. He said that there is no end to art. "Art is only a beginning. Creativity never stops. Cinema is a collective effort, like farming and cannot be made by one person alone," said Hamsalekha.

Hamsalekha described art as food for the soul and said he has lived on it for six decades. Festival ambassador Prakash Raj said that languages may be different, but emotions are the same, calling cinema a new language in human evolution that records culture, pain, and struggles. Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao, who attended as the chief guest, said that art has a responsibility to protect democracy. There should be no fear in art; there must be freedom of expression and the right to ask questions, and artists should work with a sense of responsibility, he added. Karnataka Film Academy President Sadhu Kokila called BIFFES India's largest film festival and over one lakh senior citizens attended the festival.

THE BIG HITTERS

- In the Asian Cinema Competition, *The Last Land* emerged as the Best Film among 15 entries. India's *Shape of Momo* and Japan's The Deepest Space in You won the second and third prizes, while the Philippines' Republic of Pipolipinas received a Special Jury Mention.
- In the Indian Competition section, Sabar Bonda won the top honour, followed by Malayalam films Moham and Kaadu. Marathi film Gondhal received the FIPRESCI Award, and Malayalam film Circuit earned a Special Jury Mention.
- In the Kannada Competition, Vanya was adjudged Best Film among 14 entries. Nam Saali and Ravana Rajyadalli Navadampatigalu secured the second and third prizes, while Hakkigagi won the NETPAC Jury Award.
- The Best Film winners received trophies along with a cash prize of ₹10 lakh, while the second and third prize winners were awarded ₹5 lakh and ₹2 lakh respectively.
- Held from January 29 to February 6 at Lulu Mall, the festival showcased over 300 films from 70 countries and was organised around the theme "Women's Sensibility, Voice of Equality."

WHO FIXES METRO FARES?

State has no role, hike decided under Central law: CM

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THE state government has no legal authority to determine or revise Namma Metro fares, said Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, asserting that the recent fare hike was fixed under a Central law by an independent Fare Fixation Committee (FFC) constituted by the Union government. He announced that the state is taking up the matter with the Union government, urging it to reconsider the fare levels.

In a press statement on Friday, issued following public anger over the fare revision, the CM said he understood the "concern and anguish" of commuters and stressed that Metro was a lifeline for lakhs of working people, students and families. However, he said it is important that citizens are made aware of the legal facts rather than being misled by "political deception".

Siddaramaiah explained that under the Metro Railways (Operation & Maintenance) Act, 2002, Metro fares are decided by an independent Fare Fixation Committee (FFC) appointed solely by the Government of India through the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. As per Sections 36 and 37 of the Act, the committee's recommendations are binding on the Metro administration and must be implemented, leaving no scope for intervention by either the state government or the Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (BMRCL).

The CM pointed out that the FFC is constituted by the Union government, headed by a former high court judge, functions under a Central law and derives its authority directly from Parliament. "To blame the Karnataka government for a decision imposed by this legal framework is factually incorrect and deliberately misleading," he said.

Reiterating the state government's commitment to commuters, Siddaramaiah said public transport must remain affordable, inclusive and supportive of livelihoods, and that Bengaluru's growth should not come at the cost of hardship for daily commuters. He announced that the matter is being formally taken up with the Union government, urging it to reconsider the fare levels, explore ways to rationalise fares for daily commuters, students and low-income groups, and examine policy options that balance financial sustainability with social equity.

Launching a sharp political attack, the CM accused BJP leaders of targeting the state government while failing to raise the issue effectively in Parliament or oppose high fare slabs at the Union level. He said the fare hike reflected a larger pattern of the BJP-led Union government hurting Karnataka through reduced tax devolution, denial of fair grants and delays in infrastructure support.

"The Government of Karnataka will always stand with its people," Siddaramaiah said, adding that no injustice – fiscal, administrative or political – would go unanswered.

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Siddaramaiah, Chief Minister

Fare Fixation Committee (FFC) is constituted by the Centre only after a formal request from the state government. Karnataka had sought the committee's formation

PC Mohan, BJP MP

Mohan says MoU places responsibility on state government

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AMID public anger over Namma Metro fare hikes, the state government has denied any role in fare fixation, calling it outside its purview. However, the previous hike of 105% was rolled back and revised to 71% following the chief minister's intervention. As the Centre-state debate rages, Bengaluru Central MP PC Mohan cited the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Centre, State and Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL), placing the fare fixation responsibility on the state.

In a series of posts on social media, Mohan said while Metro operations are governed by the Metro Railways (Operations & Maintenance) Act, 2002, fare revision is not automatically imposed by the Union government. He asserted that a Fare Fixation Committee (FFC) is constituted by the Centre only after a formal request from the state government, and claimed that Karnataka had sought the committee's formation after withdrawing financial support from BMRCL.

Mohan alleged that official communications from the state's urban development and finance departments had termed fare revision "imperative" to reduce the government's financial burden and had even suggested annual fare hikes through an automatic formula. He also said the Metro MoU places responsibility for implementing fare revisions squarely on the state.

Questioning the government's transparency, the BJP MP claimed that the FFC report was withheld for seven months and released only after court intervention. Pointing to BMRCL's board composition, he said the state had a voting majority and could have stalled the hike if it wished. He also accused the government of prioritising road projects over Metro funding and shifting the burden of the Shakti free bus scheme onto Metro commuters.

Meanwhile, former Infosys CFO Mohandas Pai criticising the hike. "Metro is a public utility used by a large number of people. It needs to have a low fare to make sure people use public transport and not two-wheelers. Raising fares like this will only create more traffic congestion," he said. "Wrong decision by CM Siddaramaiah and DCM DK Shivakumar. When the state government is giving free bus transport for all women, why raise Metro fare where a large number of women are users? As it is fares are very high, the government runs Metro, there's huge cost escalation due to bad management and citizens end up paying the price through high fares, where is the accountability?" Pai said.

GBA chief urges residents to help revive public spaces

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GREATER Bengaluru Authority (GBA) Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao on Friday urged residents to join hands with the body to help revive disused public spaces in their localities. He was speaking at Town Hall on the revitalisation project launched in May last year, whose objective is to reimagine the road infrastructure of Bengaluru as inclusive people-centric public spaces. From 250 public submissions, the GBA has chosen 194 locations to revitalise, which have been included in the city-level public repository.

"Such spaces need to be identified and a plan needs to be formulated on how to develop them in collaboration with the government, CSR, NGOs and various organisations. Then, work should be done with locals to convert those spaces into attractive public spaces," said Rao.

MISTY MORNING

A group of women all wrapped up in warm clothes during the early morning chill in the city on Friday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

HC asks govt to explain measures taken to expel illegal immigrants

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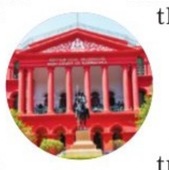
ORALLY observing that illegal immigrants staying here is a question of national security and the state cannot remain silent, the Karnataka High Court directed the state government to place on record the steps taken towards clearing illegal immigrants in the city.

Justice M Nagaprasanna passed the order on February 4, while staying the investigation in one case and passing the interim order not to take any coercive steps against Puneet Kerehalli in connection with the two crimes registered against him.

The court directed Additional State Public Prosecutor (ASPP) BN Jagadeesha to place on record the steps taken to clear illegal immigrants in the city, which, even according to the state, is close to 20 lakh.



The court passed the order as the petitioner's counsel submitted that, as per media reports, there are 20 lakh illegal immigrants in the city.

The court orally told the ASPP that illegal immigrants are spotted everywhere in the city. "It is your duty to track people who are not registered with the FRRO. People were permitted to stay even though they had no visa. What action is taken by the state against illegal immigrants in the city if they are overstaying? The state should take action, and it cannot remain silent, as it is a question of national security. If the state doesn't take action, then who will," the court questioned, adjourning the hearing to February 20.

Puneet Kerehalli moved the court, questioning the legality of two crimes registered by Soladevanahalli police against him.

The ASPP submitted that the acts of the petitioner had been videographed and it will be placed before the court on the next date of hearing.

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

07th February : Scissor Moon A relationship that causes you to continually override your own instincts and feelings is not sustainable. Work that offers you relief only when you sleep or dissociate is abusive. Stop asking, "How can I do this with less strain?" and start asking, "Why am I doing this at all?" The Scorpio moon is an editor with scissors: no crossing it out, just cuts.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
You will be remarkably efficient and complete a task in record time, mostly because you have to. It's nice to know how cool you are under pressure, and how constraint sharpens you. Next, invest your energy something that actually moves your life forward.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
Emotion is linked to memory, and it's part of the reason that your memory is remarkable. Because you feel things deeply, the lessons will stick. You may forget minutiae, but the essence and meaning resonates deep within you.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
Outgrowing relationships is a natural part of life. People evolve, and when your needs shift, it's normal to notice that some connections no longer work. You're being honest with yourself and valuing your own growth.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
Your project is humming along. It's infused with so much of you now. You're in the perfect moment to refine things, this time with a fresh set of eyes. Invite outsider feedback. As an old Polish proverb goes, "A guest sees more in an hour than the host in a year."

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
Hunger is not a misunderstanding. Yearning is not immaturity. Longing for more is not the problem, especially not for someone like you who is willing to work for the "more" and take the risks necessary to bring home the prize.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
Today favors learning through direct experience rather than theory. Ask better questions. Questions meant to confirm a position answer only that. Shift from "Is this right?" to "What's actually happening?"

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
Sweep the corners and hang up the broom. A job half-finished drains energy. A job completed gives energy. Today's joy comes from follow-through. You'll sleep better knowing you brought it all the way home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
Some small degree of self-sacrifice is all that's required. The amount is barely detectible to you because you've been generous every day for such a long time that it's natural and automatic. If you feel any loss at all, you're giving too much.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
You don't need a grand adventure or sparkling treasure to tell you that you're lucky. You know it, you feel it, you witness your good fortune everywhere, especially in unassuming blessings that send you straight to gratitude. Your gratitude keeps you oriented toward life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
You'll bear witness to other people's wins. You'll celebrate them because you're generous. You'll ache with longing for your own wins because you're alive. Both truths can be present at the same time. That's the particular tension you're living inside.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
In many ways you're an artist and not paid nearly enough for what you do. Just know that your artistry won't disappear because it's underfunded at the moment. Talents wait. Perceptions gather. Sensibilities sharpen. And your payday is coming very soon.

PISCES (Feb.19 - Mar 20)
If a financial investment doesn't pay off, you can always go make more money. But time is different. Time is a nonrenewable resource. That's why waiting around feels like a violation of something sacred, and maybe it is.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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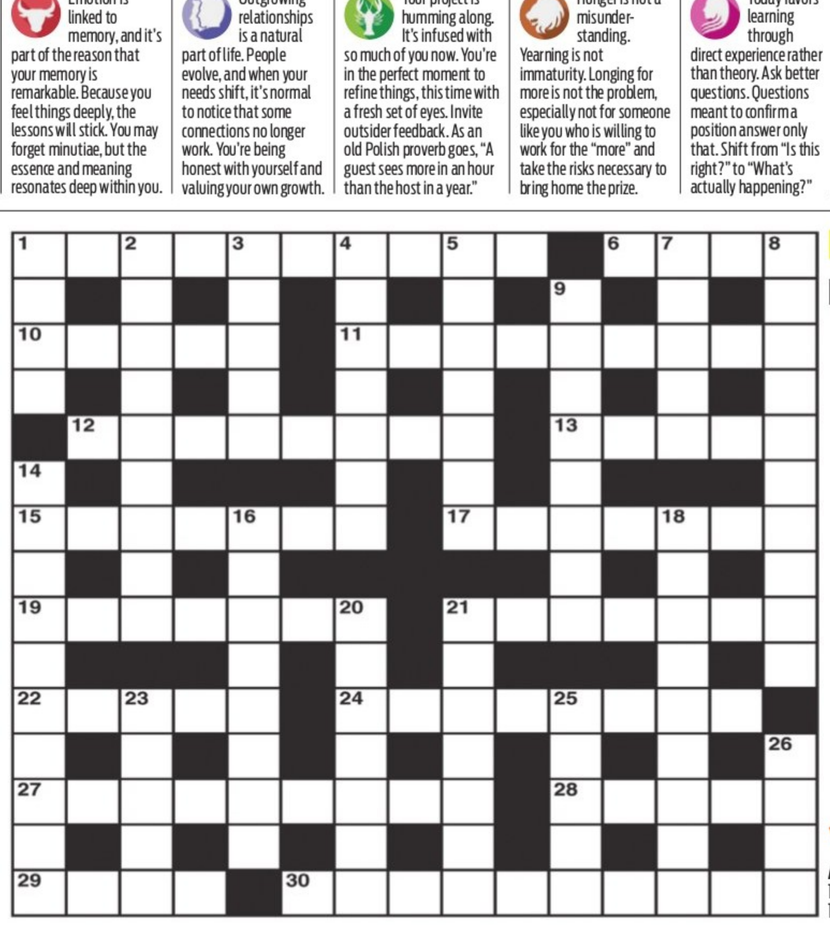

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Use fingers to eat a plum in the break (10)
6 Sign on the staff (4)
10 Teachings that follow closely on a degree (5)
11 A ruinous craft (9)
12 Trampled on Oriental in mad rush (8)
13 Game pie has nothing in it (5)
15 Dames in confusion look younger (7)
17 It's pressed into service for distribution by air (7)
19 Appear on stage again or make another record (2-5)
21 Main roads? (7)
22 Finished with a dish from Italy (5)
24 Writer is about to approve a colour (3,5)
27 Capital sum for headmaster (9)
28 Academic appointment taken by the president (5)
29 Line of status (4)
30 It means a lot of extra work in the theatre (5,5)

DOWN
1 Obliged to be called a servant (4)
2 Balls - and bats - can be part of it (5,4)
3 Song performed by little Sarah in the afternoon (5)
4 They are made to scale (7)
5 Hardy girl has time for a bit of artistic piecework (7)
7 Hen's bed (5)
8 Enthusiasm experienced by a novice poker player? (5,5)
9 Standards are judged by them (8)
14 Could it be described as an abrasive publication? (5,5)
16 Recent uproar about an actor's appearance (8)
18 Do competitors rocket into the lead in it? (5,4)
20 To do so can brighten a room from either end (7)
21 Not only is it swift it looks like one (7)
23 Single issue of new coins (5)
25 They may be used for storing stretchers (5)
26 Berliner's odd bits of cheese (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Petunia, 5 Calve, 8 Direction, 9 Dip, 10 Awry, 12 Articles, 14 Canape, 15 Fervid, 17 Stitches, 18 Asia, 21 Egg, 22 Faculties, 24 Sonic, 25 Dialect.

Down: 1 Padua, 2 Tar, 3 Nick, 4 Apiary, 5 Consider, 6 Ladyloves, 7 Exposed, 11 Running in, 13 Specific, 14 Cossets, 16 Fenced, 19 Asset, 20 Plea, 23 Ice.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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LAHEHT

CAIFOS

Luxury Retirement Home Coming Soon!
There are so many choices!
Luxury Retirement Home Coming Soon!
I love that they all have a view of the golf course.
12 13
THE SUBDIVISION THEY HAD CHOSEN FOR THEIR DREAM HOME HAD ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: HASTY GIVEN SAILOR SHROUD
Answer: When Copernicus theorized that the Earth went around the Sun, it was — REVOLUTIONARY

Davanagere MP Dr Prabha Mallikarjun has sought information from the Union Ministry of Communications about the steps taken to bridge the digital divide between urban and rural areas

CID detects over 42,000 mule accounts, 13 held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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IN a massive statewide operation in connection with mule bank accounts used by cyber fraudsters to receive money from their victims, Cyber Crime Police officers attached to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) arrested 13 masterminds by identifying over 42,000 suspicious accounts.

All the 29 CEN police stations across the state have been instructed to collect information on suspicious accounts. Fraudsters paid Rs 10,000 to Rs 20,000 to actual account holders to use their accounts to collect money. Simultaneous raids were conducted at over 100 locations in Bengaluru, Mysuru, Davanagere, Mangaluru and Belagavi.

"The actual account holders were reportedly unaware of any transactions made in their accounts. Most of them are daily wage labourers. Whenever details of bank accounts were found out in any cyber frauds, they led us to actual account holders. Only when they were questioned, would they know that their bank accounts were used for wrong purposes," an officer said.

A big syndicate involved in providing mule accounts to cyber criminals has been detected by the CID, under which the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) falls.

"People should not share their bank account details, ATM cards or passwords with anyone. Sharing such information for commission is a serious criminal offence. The statewide operation is the result of months of intelligence gathering. The accused also collected ATM cards from unsuspecting citizens. Laptops, several mobile phones, debit cards and SIM cards have been seized during the raid," said an officer.

NARROW ESCAPE FOR 30

Pvt bus catches fire after hitting pole

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AT least 30 passengers had a narrow escape in the early hours of Friday after a private bus rammed into an electric pole and burst into flames. The A/C sleeper bus was travelling from Bengaluru to Kalaburagi around 2.30 am reportedly lost control after trying to overtake another vehicle.

The bus that belonged to Sanjana Travels left Bengaluru around 11 pm on Thursday. The incident occurred near the Indiranagar Colony at Hanumanthapura Gate on Nelamangala-Tumakuru NH48, in the stretch where the road widening work was underway.

The bus drove on to the pavement and came to a halt after crashing into the electric pole. When the bus swerved to the extreme left, all the passengers, the driver and his assistant de-boarded. A few minutes later, the bus caught fire. The police rushed to the spot, getting in touch with the BESCOM officials to disconnect the power supply. By then, the bus caught fire due to a suspected short circuit.

Initially, private water tankers in the area were used. Two fire tenders from the Fire and Emergency Services were also pressed into service. The Nelamangala Traffic police and the jurisdictional Thyamagondlu law and order police cleared the traffic.

Some passengers are said to have lost their valuables. "The complaint has been filed by a passenger from Kalaburagi identified as Shivananda. All the 30 passengers are safe and unhurt. Since the bus was resting on the electric pole, the bus caught fire due to a suspected short circuit. Luggage was completely gutted. A case has been registered against the bus driver, Manohar. No combustible materials were inside the bus," said an officer.

A case of rash driving on a public way (BNS 281) and mischief (BNS 324) was registered against the driver.

Smoke billows from a private bus after it catches fire, near Nelamangala, on the outskirts of Bengaluru on Friday | PTI

40 sheds caught in accidental fire near Kudlu

Bengaluru: Around 35 to 40 makeshift sheds at an open ground near Kudlu Lake caught fire around 3 am on Friday. No casualties have been reported. The sheds were also used to store roadside scraps. It is allegedly said that some of the people who were staying in the sheds were illegal Bangladeshis. Four firefighters from Sarjapur, Electronic City, Hulimavu and Dairy Circle were deployed for over five hours to bring it under control. The police suspect that a live high-tension that fell on the sheds which led to fire. "The fire department received the call around 5.30 am. Most people in the sheds had gone somewhere else; only a few were seen at the spot," said an officer. The Parappana Agrahara police have registered a case. **ENS**

EXPRESS READ

Child marriage case registered in Bidar

Kalaburagi: A complaint was filed with Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights about child marriage in Bidar. The chairman of the Commission Shashidhar Kosambe instructed the District Children Protection Officer of Bidar district to enquire into the matter, and submit compliance report at the earliest. The counsellor of the department visited the house of the parents of the girl situated at Pakkalwad Galli on January 12 and while talking to the parents of the girl, the counsellor came to know that the girl was given in marriage to a labourer. **ENS**

Auto driver, friend get 5 yrs for assaulting minor

Udupi: Two persons were sentenced to five years of imprisonment for sexually assaulting an 11-year-old girl. The sentence was pronounced within seven months of the incident which was reported in July 2025. Additional District and Sessions Judge, Fast Track Sessions Court-1, Udupi, Srinivas Suvarna on Thursday sentenced both the accused and imposed a penalty of ₹5,000 each for the offence punishable under section 10 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act. **ENS**

BoB hands over Rs10L insurance cheque

Bengaluru: Bank of Baroda (BOB) handed over a life insurance claim cheque of Rs 10 lakh to Aasha R, beneficiary of late Gangadhar S. The cheque was issued by Deputy Regional Manager (AGM) Atul Kumar, Chief Manager, Vasanthnagar branch, Sudheendra, Defence Banking Advisor Air Commodore Tarun Kumar Sinha, in the presence of Superintendent of Police Chandrakanth M V and other officials. **ENS**

Karnataka HC stays probe into FIR over drone landing outside leased area

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@Bengaluru

In a unique case, the Karnataka High Court on Friday stayed all further investigation in the suo motu First Information Report (FIR) registered by the Doddaballapur Rural police on the charges of criminal trespass in connection with a drone landing outside the leased area of the petitioner.

Justice M Nagaprasanna passed the interim order of stay till February 13, the next date of hearing, after hearing the petition filed by Newspace Research and Technologies Pvt Ltd, questioning the legality of the crime. The court also directed Inspector Sadiq Pasha to file an affidavit to the averments made in the petition, failing which, action will be taken.According to the petition, the petitioner is a company that manufactures drones for the Indian armed forces and has a licence for research and development (R&D) and for flying drones in the green zone in Doddaballapur.

On January 29, during a routine R&D testing, a lightweight research drone belonging to the petitioner suffered a battery malfunction and glided beyond the boundary of the leased land, landing in a neighbouring property. The drone could not be immediately located and was proposed to be searched for on the following day. On the same evening, a police constable, acting on information received through the 112 emergency helpline, visited the area and took the drone into his possession. Based on this, an FIR was registered suo moto against unknown persons.

The police inspector refused to furnish a copy of the FIR and insisted upon the physical presence of the Managing Director of the petitioner. In terms of the Drone Rules, the police have no jurisdiction to question, but only the Director General of Civil Aviation can question, the petitioner's counsel told the court.

SRI SIDDARAMAIAH
Hon'ble Chief Minister
Government of Karnataka

Water Resources Department
Karnataka Neeravari Nigama Limited
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)

LAYING OF FOUNDATION STONE FOR
BENNEHALLI FLOOD CONTROL WORKS
AND INAUGURATION, BHOOMIPOOJA PROGRAMME OF VARIOUS WORKS
IN NAVALGUND VIDHANA SABHA CONSTITUENCY

SRI D.K. SHIVAKUMAR
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister
Government of Karnataka

Date: 08-02-2026 | Time: 3:00 PM
Venue: Shiraguppi, Hubblli Taluk, Dharward District

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Hon'ble Chairman
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SRI D.K. SHIVAKUMAR
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Water Resources, Bengaluru City Development and In-charge of Bengaluru City District, Government of Karnataka

SRI PRALHAD JOSHI
Hon'ble Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and New & Renewable Energy, Government of India, New Delhi

In the Respectful Presence of
SRI SANTOSH S.LAD
Hob'ble Minister for Labour and Dharward District In-charge

SRI KRISHNA BYREGOWDA
Hon'ble Minister for Revenue and Hassan District In-charge

SRI H.K.PATIL
Hon'ble Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs and Gadag District In-charge

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Government of Karnataka and MP, Haveri

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Hon'ble Chairman, Karnataka Slum Development Board and Hon'ble MLA, Hubballi - Dharward (East)

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SRI GAURAV GUPTA, I.A.S.
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Hon'ble Secretary, Water Resources Department, Government of Karnataka

SRI RAJESH AMMINABHAVI, K.A.S.
Hon'ble Managing Director, Karnataka Neeravari Nigama Limited

WATER IS THE FORCE OF LIFE | WATER IS THE PRECIOUS WEALTH | SAVE WATER | PROTECT THE WATER

Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao on Friday urged residents to join hands with the body to help revive disused public spaces in their localities

AFTER SESSION, LEADERSHIP CHANGE CHATTER BEGINS AGAIN

No change, clear signal from brass: Yathindra

MLC Dr Yathindra Siddaramaiah offers tributes to a replica of the Preamble of the Indian Constitution in Mysuru on Friday | UDAYASHANKAR S

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

AMID ongoing speculation over a possible change in leadership in Karnataka, Congress MLC Dr Yathindra Siddaramaiah on Friday said that his father, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, will continue in office for the full five-year term and that the party high command has given a clear signal in this regard.

Speaking to media persons in Mysuru on Friday, Dr Yathindra dismissed reports of internal confusion within the Congress over the CM's post and termed it as a settled issue. "There is no uncertainty at all. Siddaramaiah will remain CM for five years. The high command may not have stated it directly, but the signal is clear," he said.

He further clarified that no one within the party has demanded Siddaramaiah's removal. "At present, nobody is asking for a change in leadership. These are baseless rumours and a discussion just happening in media," he said.

On the ongoing political tussle between the BJP and Congress over the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Dr Yathindra said the Congress is committed to Mahatma Gandhi's vision of gram swaraj. He alleged that the BJP is not interested in people-centric welfare or Gandhian ideals, and that this is the reason behind their move to rename schemes associated with Mahatma Gandhi.

On allegations that he interfered in the functioning of Energy Minister KJ George and the energy department, Dr Yathindra denied any wrongdoing. "I am not aware of any such interference. KJ George himself has already clarified. The BJP has unnecessarily dragged my name into the matter," he said.

Referring to the special court's acceptance of the 'B report' to chief minister and his family in the MUDA case, the MLC said that the verdict reaffirmed their faith in the judicial system.

"We had complete trust in the law as we had done nothing wrong. We welcome the court's decision. Even my mother has expressed happiness," the Congress MLC added.

'He is high command': DKS reacts sarcastically

Deputy CM DK Shivakumar addresses a gathering at a programme organised to perform bhumi pooja for a Congress office in Puttur on Friday | EXPRESS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mangaluru

REACTING to Congress MLC Dr Yathindra's statement that his father Siddaramaiah will be the chief minister for the full five years and the party top brass has given a clear signal that there won't be any leadership change, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar sarcastically said, "Yathindra is our high command, and let us accept what he says with utmost respect. Let us accept that Yathindra is our high command" Shivakumar, who is also president of the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC), was speaking to media persons at Mangalore International Airport on Friday. He was on his way to attend a Congress programme in Puttur in Dakshina Kannada.

To anothe query on MLA Basavaraju V Shivaganga appealing to the Congress high command to make its stand clear whether there was any power sharing deal and any discussion on leadership change, Shivakumar retracted and said, "I do not want to react on remarks of either Basavaraju or Yathindra. Ultimately those in New Delhi only have to react to it."

Shivakumar further said that he will complete six years as KPCC chief on March 10 and by then he intends to hold bhumi pooja for 100 Congress party offices. "I will do bhumi pooja for a party office in Puttur," he said.

'Congress' politics is not based on caste'

On a few local Congress leaders criticising that Muslim leaders' names were not included in the invitation for the bhumi pooja in Puttur and that they are being sidelined, Shivakumar said, "Congress' politics is not based on caste but on the basis of ethics. Congress' politics is based on its ideology. We need all the castes and religions with us. There should be dharma in politics but not politics in dharma that is our party's ideology. Such tactics are done by those who are jealous and cannot build a party office. Let them also build a party office and we will provide them land free of cost," he said.

Siddu, DKS camps take positions on power run

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

AHEAD of the budget session, likely to begin in March first week, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar camps have taken positions on the leadership change. Especially the Shivakumar camp hopes that the high command would intervene and clear the air.

On Friday too, it was Siddaramaiah's MLC-son Dr Yathindra who relit the fire by saying his father will complete the full five-year term. But Shivakumar and his loyalist MLAs expect the high command to call both him and Siddaramaiah to Delhi and give a word.

Shivakumar said he too is expecting a call. His supporter and Ramanagara MLA Iqbal Hussain reiterated on Friday that Shivakumar will become CM in the present tenure. "Soon I will give another date for Shivakumar to become CM. No one strengthened the party like him as KPCC president. He should be made CM," he argued.

RDPR Minister Priyank Kharge said AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi will call the DCM and CM when there is a need.

Shivakumar is planning to accomplish the mission of laying the foundation stone for 100 Congress Bhavans in the state by March 10 when he completes six years as KPCC president. He wants the leadership issue cleared before he passes on the KPCC president's baton, sources said.

The Siddaramaiah camp is, however, confident that there will be no change in leadership, instead the cabinet will be reshuffled after the budget session. Energy Minister KJ George has played a key role in the drama, as he met Rahul Gandhi and convinced the latter that any change in the CM post would impact the 2018 Assembly polls. But the Shivakumar camp has also sent out a message that the party's image has taken a beating with the CM not being able to handle the MUDA case, Rs 187 crore scam in the Maharshi Valmiki ST Development Corporation and the alleged Rs 6,500 crore scam in the excise department, a Congress MLA said.

The high command could decide both on leadership change and cabinet reshuffle after polls to five states, he speculated.

MY TAKE

One stone, many birds: Bull's-eye on farmers' prosperity

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SOMETIMES, a plan can be a key to open the doors to future prosperity if the implementation is right and there is a political will supporting it from the backstage. In this case, it is about the prosperity of the farming communities.

Karnataka Agriculture Minister N Chaluvarayaswamy on February 4 announced that the state government is introducing a first-of-its-kind post-harvest value-addition model aimed at significantly improving farmers' incomes by moving beyond cultivation-centric agriculture. The model focuses on processing, branding, packaging and marketing of produce, enabling the farmers to earn four-five times higher incomes and reduce their dependence on middlemen.

Chaluvarayaswamy announced this at a two-day conference "Agriculture Beyond Production – Empowering Farmers". It was organised by the Department of Agriculture under bilateral cooperation with the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare through the Support of Agroecological Transformation processes in India (SuATI) project, a German Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)-India initiative commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

The SuATI project promotes sustainable agriculture while strengthening, adapting and scaling up agroecological practices to enhance livelihoods, soil health and biodiversity. The project is focusing on Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, and Assam.

This step is in the right direction, which would be of much value to the entire farming community if systematically implemented.

But the new model should also aim at generating business opportunities for the agrarian womenfolk to enhance their incomes to much more than four-five times their current earnings. An ideal opportunity lies in fruit and vegetable drying – a method by which the produce is dehydrated, powdered, packed and then stored, with a shelf-life that extends to months and years.

Dehydration of fruits and vegetables is an ancient practice, which removes up to 80%-90% of the moisture by using heat. It inhibits microbial and bacterial growth, and enzyme activity, shrinking the produce to allow compact storage, and concentrates its nutrients. It is rehydrated with water while cooking without the loss of its flavour or nutrients.

The common methods of dehydrating fruits and vegetables are through sun/solar drying and electric dehydrators. The process involves applying heat to the produce to remove its water content, typically at low temperatures to ensure that the produce does not get cooked while dehydrating it. The purpose of dehydrating the produce is to prevent spoilage, reduce weight/volume for transport, and enable off-season consumption.

The dehydrated produce can offer snacks like dried fruits and vegetable chips; dried herbs, sun-dried tomatoes and vegetable flakes; fruit and vegetable powders for instant soups, baking, or beverages; besides using the dried vegetable powders in common Indian dishes like sambars and gravies. It also offers compact, lightweight, pantry-staple food for camping or even as emergency supplies in times of need.

In the mid-1980s, scientists at Application of Science & Technology to Rural Areas (ASTRA) (now Centre for Sustainable Technologies) of the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, unveiled biomass-based dryers for efficiently drying vegetables and fruits by exposing the produce to varying degrees of heat depending on their respective water content. This was popularised by Technology Informatics Design Endeavour (TIDE), a Bengaluru-based non-government organisation that works with the Indian government's Department of Science & Technology, linking research organisations and communities by adapting technologies for a greener future. It had conducted a series of workshops to educate farmers and their families to utilise the benefits of these fruit/vegetable dryers to run lucrative businesses by marketing the dried produce through cooperatives.

The advantage of this concept is that a major problem of the farmers could also find a lasting solution. It would effectively insulate them from glut-induced price crashes, which often lead to frustrated and desperate farmers dumping their valuable produce on the roads, incurring avoidable losses and wastage of the produce that takes so much of hard work from sowing to harvest. The produce, instead of landing by the roadside, can be diverted to the dryers, the powdered produce packed and marketed through cooperatives to the markets directly without the middlemen interfering in the farm-to-market cycle.

You may call it "killing many birds with one stone" – a win-win for all concerned many times over. The benefits: business opportunities for womenfolk in every farming household as the dryers can be set up within home premises; no more dumping of produce due to price crashes for farmers as the dried produce can be sold to rural and urban markets through cooperatives; women empowerment; optimal utilisation of the produce without wastage; and a fillip to the rural economy.

Moreover, it falls in line with what the agriculture minister said the new model would focus on – processing, branding, packaging and marketing the produce.

We have the tools for progress. But we need to use them optimally and efficiently to gain from them. Progress needs a sincere push, followed by handholding for the farming community to march towards prosperity with the appropriate scientific tools.

EXPRESS READ

BJP leader slams govt over AI-powered social media analytics solution

BENGALURU: The BJP slammed the State Government's decision to deploy an AI-powered Social Media Analytics Solution to combat misinformation. BJP leader Amit Malviya stated that in the name of deploying an AI-powered Social Media Analytics Solution to combat misinformation and hate speech, the Congress government in Karnataka is quietly unleashing a surveillance monster. "This system won't just track harmful content, it will snoop on the social and personal digital interactions of ordinary citizens. What's being sold as regulation is, in reality, state-sponsored surveillance. This is a gross violation of individual liberty, a direct assault on privacy, and a dangerous step toward turning Karnataka into a draconian police state," he said.

NATURE'S GIFT

Power corridor to run on solar power

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

THE State Government has given a big push for solar energy adoption in the state by installing solar panels inside the premises of Vidhana Soudha and Vikas Soudha. Due to space constraints and its heritage status, Vidhana Soudha has not installed solar panels on the rooftop. Instead, solar panels have been set up outside the main building, in the parking lot. The project is being executed under a Private Public Partnership with SELCO Foundation that works for sustainable energy.

"At present, they are installing solar panels at various places in Vidhana Soudha and Vikasa Soudha premises without distracting the heritage structure. This can generate around 300 KW of power which is only 12 per cent of the requirement of these buildings. Though the structure of the building is large, we cannot install panels. Around Rs 12 lakh to Rs 15 lakhs per month is the power bill from these two mega building that houses close to 1,000 rooms.

Solar panels installed on the premises of Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru | VINOD KUMAR T

With just 300 KW of solar panels installation, we will be able to save around Rs 20 lakh per year. We will start getting returns in a couple of years," said an official. The project aims to encourage similar adoption in government buildings across the state, including panchayat office buildings.

Speaker UT Khader said that reducing the burden on electricity would be beneficial. "The government keeps issuing orders on solar energy adoption. But if the very place where those orders are made does not adopt it, it may not look good. This is a step forward in embracing sustainable energy," he said. He added that a proposal is being prepared to install solar panels across all Legislative Houses.

Oppose VB-G RAM G: CM to farmers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday called upon farmers across the state to collectively oppose the Union Government's move to scrap the UPA-era MGNREGA and implement the VB-G-RAM-G Act, alleging that it was introduced without the consent of states.

"State farmers must oppose this move in one voice," the CM said, while speaking at the International Trade Fair–2026 on "Post-Harvest Agriculture – Empowering Farmers" and the State-level 'Krishi Pandit' awards programme.

Siddaramaiah said that agriculture can be made profitable only through post-harvest activities. "Farmers should not stop at cultivation alone. They must also engage in storage, processing, packaging, marketing and by-product development," he said, adding that farmers should emerge as entrepreneurs.

The chief minister also stressed the need for greater participation of women and youth in agriculture.

Chief Ministerr Siddaramaiah at the International Trade Fair-2026 in Bengaluru on Friday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Siddaramaiah further said that Karnataka ranks No.1 in the country in implementing crop insurance schemes and that crop insurance claims worth Rs 6,000 crore have been disbursed so far.

Agriculture Minister N Chaluvarayaswamy said, "The government aims to transform farmers into entrepreneurs through branding, marketing and access to credit," he said.

The minister said that over 450 high-tech harvest hubs have been established across Karnataka.

Now, Congress lambasts BJP over newspaper ad

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE political slugfest between the Congress and the BJP over the repeal of MGNREGA and the introduction of the new VB-G RAM G Act continues in Karnataka.

After the Opposition created a ruckus during the special session of the legislature over newspaper advertisements given by the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) Department criticising the VB G-RAM-G Act using a caricature of Mahatma Gandhi, now the Congress is objecting to the new advertisements in which the Father of the Nation is seen lifting his walking stick. According to Congress leaders, this portrayal distorts Gandhi's philosophy of non-violence and is misleading.

"We have not given advertisements with government money like the Congress. The Congress is giving licenses for more liquor outlets which is against Gandhi's ideals," Leader of Opposition in Assembly R Ashoka told reporters.

Further, Ashoka said that Gandhi was against cow slaughter, but Congress opposed a related Bill. "Instead of naming schemes after Gandhi, who said Raghupati Raghav Rajaram, the Congress named schemes after Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi," Ashoka said.

Congress MLC BK Hariprasad said by releasing an advertisement that portrays Mahatma Gandhi trying to beat CM Siddaramaiah, LoP in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, and AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge with his walking stick, the BJP has insulted Gandhi's very principle of non-violence, he added.

A man was allegedly fell victim to an online investment scam operated through a Facebook ad on Friday in Davanagere. The ad claimed that investors could earn exceptionally high returns within a short period by investing in commodities such as gold and tin through the stock market. ₹61 lakh was transferred in stages to various UPI IDs that were deleted immediately after each payment was made, raising suspicion only later

LONG-PENDING DEMAND

CM to take final call on division of Belagavi: Min

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Belagavi

THE long-pending demand of the people of Belagavi for bifurcation of the district will have to be decided by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Public Works Minister Satish Jarkiholi has said. After inaugurating an indoor box cricket facility at the District Bal Bhavan in Belagavi, constructed at a cost of ₹40 lakh, Jarkiholi said that district leaders have, on several occasions, jointly submitted memorandam to the CM seeking the division of the vast Belagavi district.

He clarified that the final decision rests solely with the chief minister. Stressing that Belagavi's development need not wait for special budgetary allocations, the minister said that faster progress can be achieved by effectively utilising funds already available with various departments.

He announced that key traffic junctions, including Ashok Circle, Chennamma Circle and Kolhapur Circle, will be developed in the coming days to prevent congestion and improve traffic flow in the city. Jarkiholi said that the cabinet has approved the use of ballot papers in the upcoming gram panchayat elections, marking a significant electoral decision.

Responding to queries on drinking water supply from Naviluteertha reservoir, the minister said drinking water requirements cannot be denied under any circumstances. He assured that the Hipparagi reservoir currently has sufficient water to meet immediate needs.

Jarkiholi said that if the need arises to seek water from Maharashtra, efforts will be made, beyond party lines, to secure water in the interest of the people.

On the election of Belagavi Mayor, the minister sought to put speculation to rest, stating that the Congress would not interfere in the process and that power should rest with whoever commands the majority.

Agri innovations, indigenous crops in spotlight

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR

(Left) A farmer from Gajendragad serves a wood apple dish at the International Trade Fair-2026 in Bengaluru on Friday; Students perform at the event | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

THE three-day International Trade Fair 2026, themed "Agriculture Beyond Production – Empowering Farmers," was inaugurated on Friday at Palace Grounds, bringing together farmer groups, students and agri-entrepreneurs from across the State. The fair highlights Karnataka's efforts to move agriculture beyond cultivation towards value addition, sustainability and market integration. Agriculture Minister N Chaluvarayaswamy said the fair focused on post-harvest activities such as processing, branding, certification and market linkages to improve farm incomes.

18 progressive farmers were honoured in the inaugural event for innovative contributions, while 104 farmers received 'Krushi Prashasthi' Awards for achieving high yields in selected crops.

The exhibition featured more than 300 air-conditioned stalls, selling diverse products like millet ice cream, banana stem-infused dosa and idli batter, fig-infused sugar-free barfi, wood apple-based products, mushroom snacks, pure woollen handmade 'Kambali' (blanket).

Beekeeping initiatives highlighting the role of honeybees in pollination and biodiversity were a major attraction, with stalls displaying honey , beeswax-based products and bee hotels. Students, including those from the University of Agricultural Sciences (GKVK), actively participated in the exhibition.

The event highlighted natural farming practices, organic certification and GI-tagged products, while the Branding and Credit Services Pavilion facilitated interactions between Farmer Producer Organisations and financial institutions. A separate section exhibiting old agricultural tools and artefacts provided insights into traditional farming practices.

Now, VTU introduces Artificial Super Intelligence to make students job-ready

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@Bengaluru

TO make engineering students job-ready, Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) is offering training on Artificial Super Intelligence (ASI) in collaboration with UK-based Chiac ASI. ASI is predicted to be the technology of the future that can train robots and surpass human intelligence. The university has signed a memorandum of understanding with the private firm for this.

VTU Vice-Chancellor S Vidyashankar said, "Currently, under a pilot project, 100 lecturers and 1,000 students have been trained to use this ASI tool and study their curriculum along with the latest advancement in technology. In addition, Chiac ASI will provide free internships to more than a thousand students and ASI textbooks to engineering college lecturers for effective teaching."

Chandra Nagaraju, CEO and founder, Chiac ASI, said, "Every week, 27,000 research papers are released across the globe related to different streams of engineering. The ASI tool goes through these research papers and provides the content that can be made part of the curriculum and update them on what can be read and learnt."

Emphasising that India has a bigger role to play in the field of ASI while USA and China are already in the lead, Nagaraju said, "From a national security perspective, it is an urgent necessity for India to establish leadership in the field of Super Intelligence before 2030." He also ensured that teachers will not be excluded from classrooms while students use this ASI tool to study in the classrooms.

Open Day on Feb 28 to showcase prototypes

This year, the VTU has taken strict measure to make sure that students develop a prototype - providing solution to real world problems in the form of a final-year project. Vidhyashankar said, "We will organise an Open Day on February 28 to showcase the prototypes developed by students across all VTU centres in Karnataka. The students have to step out, identify the problems in various field, analyse it and find a solution. The solution can be in the form of prototypes (machineries) or services."

No factions in Congress, says DCM DK Shivakumar

Mangaluru: Deputy Chief Minister and Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) chief DK Shivakumar on Friday said that there is a guarantee government in the state and there will be pro-Congress atmosphere in the coming days in Dakshina Kannada. He announced Rs 10L for a Congress office in Puttur after bhumi pooja. "There are no factions in Congress. We all belong to one group that is the faction or group of Congress. We follow what high command says," he said. Responding to party leaders making remarks that he would become chief minister soon, DK Shivakumar said that it is not wrong to have a desire. "That is their prayer. Attempts may fail, prayers will not." Meanwhile, Puttur MLA Ashok Rai and former minister Vinay Kumar Sorake hoped that DK Shivakumar would soon become chief minister.

EXPRESS READ

13-year-old killed, father seriously injured in truck-bike collision on Khanapur-Anmod road

BELAGAVI: A tragic road accident claimed the life of a 13-year-old boy and left his father seriously injured near the forest check post in the Pali village limits on Thursday afternoon. At around 3.45pm a speeding truck lost control and collided with an oncoming two-wheeler. The truck (registration number KA-22/C-9082) driven by Jafarsab Mardansab Bankapur (52), of Salait, Goa. The truck crashed into a Hero HF Deluxe motorcycle (GA-05/E-0141) coming from the opposite direction. Sanjay Vithoba Desai (40), from Varlewadi, Uttar Kannada district, sustained severe injuries to his head and right leg. His son, Samarth Sanjay Desai (13), suffered critical injuries and died on the spot. The truck driver sustained minor injuries in the accident. **ENS**

Shikshagraha awards 2026: Education leaders from Meghalaya, Andhra and Bihar felicitated

BENGALURU: Batskhem Thabah from Meghalaya, Kumari Guddi from Bihar and Nellori Subrahmanyam Andhra Pradesh were felicitated with Shikshagraha awards 2026 on Friday for contribution at grassroot level education in Bengaluru at InvokED 5.0, a two-day global dialogue on education leadership, organised by Shikshagraha, ShikshaLokam, and Mantra4Change. SD Shibulal, Co-founder of SFPI and Co-founder and Former CEO of Infosys said, "By combining recognition with mentorship and sustained support, we aim to build a chain of leaders whose ideas and evidence can reshape education systems for millions of children in India." **ENS**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The following documents pertaining to the Schedule Property are lost / misplaced by my client:

1) Gift Deed dated: 03.05.2007, executed by Sri M. Venkataraju in favour of Sri M. Yuvaraju, registered as document No. SHV-1-00504/2007-08 of book No. I, Stored in CD No. SHVD82, in the office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Shivajinagar, Bangalore.
2) Sale Deed dated: 25.11.2009 executed by Sri M. Yuvaraju, & Others in favour of Smt. Sarasamma, registered as document No. VRT-1-03826/2009-10 of book No. I, Stored in CD No. VRTD57, in the office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Varthur, Bangalore.

I hereby call upon any one having any claim on the Schedule Property on the basis of the missing documents to lodge your claim with me within 10 days from today. In case no objections/claim is received, it will be deemed that the said Property is free from encumbrance and no claim whatsoever will be entertain thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the BBMP Municipal No. 18, Old Property No. 78/5, PID No. 73-44-18, situated at Kullapa Colony, Murugeshpalya Village, Kodihalli Dhakale, coming within the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 73, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West (49.75+44)/2 Feet and North to South 30 Feet, totally measuring 1406,25 Square Feet and bounded on:-

East by : Private Property; West by : Private Property; North by : Smt. H. Susheelamma's Property; South by : Road.

B.N Tulsi Kumar, Advocate
"ARA Associates", No. 18/1 (old No. 1020)
11th main, RPC Layout, Bangalore-560104.

PUBLIC NOTICE

LOST of SALE DEED

The General Public is hereby notified that our client Mr. SHAIK NANNE NAGOOR is the sole and absolute owner of the schedule property.

The Sale Deed executed by Sri.T.S.NAGOOR in favour of Smt.S.MOULABI dated 16.07.2004 vide document No. YAN-1-08579/2004-05 stored in CD No.YAND72, in respect of property bearing V.P.Katha No's.148 and 207 Situated at: Bharathinagara, Hunasamaranahalli Dhakale, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk is lost/misplaced by our client. In this connection, a police complaint has been lodged by **our client** on 04-02-2026 online Lost Report No. 2044691/2026.

Our client is availing loan from **AU SMALL FINANCE** bank any person, who has/have claim on the said property, may lodge such claim with the undersigned within 7 days from the date of this notice. If no such claim(s) or objections received within the stipulated time, the undersigned will issue certificate of clearance that, there is no objections or claim(s) on the schedule property

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Schedule "A" Site No.158, Assessment No.158, V.P.Katha No.142, Situated at: Bharathinagara, Hunasamaranahalli Dhakale, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and measuring East to West: 58-0 Feet and North to South : 32-0 Feet, total Area:: 1856 Sq. feet.

And bounded as follows:- **East by :** Air Force Compound, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Property belongs to Jayappa, **South by :** Property belongs to Property belongs to Rasul and T.S.Nagoor.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Schedule "B" Site No.224, Assessment No.224, V.P.Katha No.207, Situated at: Bharathinagara, Hunasamarana halli Dhakale, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and measuring East to West: 29-0 Feet and North to South : 20-0 Feet, total Area : 580 Sq. feet.

and bounded as follows:- **East by :** Air Force Compound, **West by :** Property belongs to Rasul and 3' Road, **North by :** Property belongs to T.S.Nagoor, **South by :** Property belongs to T.S.Nagoor Basha.

Ravi M B, Advocate
66, 10th Main, 5th Cross, S.K.Layout,
Jnanajyothinagar, Bangalore-560056.
Mob. No. 9036074066

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Techzone-IV, Greater Noida (W), UP
Inventory-3BHK & 4BHK spacious apartments with modern amenities.
Near D-Mart and Anand Vihar ISBT & Railway Station - 35 min.

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Inventory-3BHK & 4BHK spacious apartments with modern amenities.
Near D-Mart and Anand Vihar ISBT & Railway Station - 30 min.

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Near D-Mart and Anand Vihar ISBT & Railway Station - 30 min.

Last date of submission of EMD: 10.02.2026
E-auction will be held on: 11.02.2026
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NA.Hsg-5 - RANIPET CO-OPERATIVE HOUSE BUILDING SOCIETY LTD.
No.13, Taluk Katcheri Street, Walajapet-632513,
Ranipet District. **Mobile: 9940796161 & 6369618681**

SALE OF VACANT LAND

Online Tenders are invited by the Ranipet Co-operative House Building Society Ltd., for the sale of vacant land (Allotted for Nursery School purpose) via Tender portal.

TENDER REFERENCE NO	:	RCHBS/01/25-26
TENDER ID	:	2026_RCSH_651572_1
WEBSITE	:	**http://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**
Bid Submission Starting date & time	:	05.02.2026 upto 4.00 p.m.
Bid Submission Ending date & time	:	09.03.2026 upto 4.00 p.m.
Bid Opening Date & Time	:	10.03.2026 at 4.00 p.m.

Date: 06.02.2026, Place: Walajapet **Authorized Officer / Secretary**
Published by: Ranipet District Co-operative Union

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

No.6586/PW/EE/BRC/DB/DR-I/25-26 Puducherry, dt.06/02/2026

e-TENDERING NOTICE INVITING BID THROUGH RFP

On behalf of the President of India, Bids are invited for **1. N/W : "Appointment of Firm / Agency / Contractor for Consultancy Services for Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for (1) Construction of Cable stayed bridge at (a) Pondy Marina to Veerampattinam with formation of approach road, (b) Thengaithittu to Murungapakkam with formation of approach road, (2) Upgradation of existing alignment and formation of road between Uppalam Road to Ariyankuppam in Puducherry Region".** Bid Security : **Rs.6,00,000/-,** Period of Completion: **3 (Three) Months** (Including Monsoon Period). Last time & date of submission of tender on (or) before **3.00 PM on 23.02.2026.**

For further details please refer the website **www.pudutenders.gov.in** from **10.00 AM on 07.02.2026**.

No.794/DIP/AD(PRESS)/2025-26 **EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**

The Konaje police in Mangaluru arrested two persons and seized 80.15 kg of ganja that was being illegally transported from Andhra Pradesh. Mohammed Naushad and Ibrahim were nabbed when they were transporting the contraband in a car on the Bengaluru-Hassan Highway. They were on the way to Kerala

CeG K-Swan: Bidding skewed to favour firm?

E-governance secretary denies being partial to any company

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

A CLOUD of controversy is gathering over the Center for e-Governance, Karnataka State Wide Area Network (CeG K-SWAN) project tender, amid allegations that the bidding process may have been skewed to favour a specific original equipment manufacturer (OEM).

According to sources familiar with the matter, the tender attracted only three bids -- all reportedly from Cisco-preferred or selectively empanelled partners -- effectively narrowing the field. The limited participation has raised eyebrows, particularly because a reputed public sector undertaking had earlier blacklisted Cisco, a development that, under standard procurement rules, should have rendered any related bids ineligible for consideration. Despite this, the tender is said to be moving ahead in the evaluation stage, prompting serious questions about whether established procurement norms are being selectively interpreted or bypassed.

Observers suggest that the continued processing of bids linked to a blacklisted OEM could indicate preferential treatment, undermining the principles of fair competition that public tenders are meant to uphold.

"The issue is not just about one company or one tender," said a senior procurement expert on condition of anonymity. "If blacklist norms can be ignored or diluted, it exposes deeper systemic weaknesses in oversight and governance."

Critics warn that allowing such bids to proceed could set a troubling precedent, eroding public trust in government procurement processes. Transparency advocates argue that the situation warrants urgent scrutiny, especially given the scale and strategic importance of the K-SWAN project. They demanded an independent review of the tender process to ascertain whether procurement laws and guidelines have been followed in letter and spirit.

Secretary, e-Governance, Pankaj Pandey, said, "We have already given our comments."

For the previous article on this issue that was highlighted in *TNIE* recently about KSWAN, he had said: The first call of the KSWAN 3.0 tender was issued in July 2025 and there were three bidders participating in the tender. However no one was pre-qualified due to lack of documents and accordingly, the tender scrutiny committee has rejected all the bids and decided to recall the tender as per standard procedure of KTPP (Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurements Act). There was not abrupt cancellation of the tender as such.

Since the original RFP (Request for Proposal) was prepared in 2022, the same had to be updated keeping in mind the ongoing requirements of the Government of Karnataka and requests from various departments to accommodate more number of government offices and hence the capacity was revised. This was duly approved by the Technical Committee that includes independent experts from external institutions including academic institutions.

While revising the RFP, there was no consultation with any of the OEMs and the revised RFP is not favouring any particular OEM rather it is vendor neutral.

Pre-bid queries were discussed again in another technical committee which also includes independent external experts. Some of the queries were accepted by the committee and remaining queries were rejected considering the feasibility and requirement of the project. However each and every query was addressed and clarification was given.

Any OEM declining MAF or not providing support to system integrators is not under the purview of CeG and has to be dealt with by concerned System Integrators with the OEMs, he reasoned. The entire tender exercise is being done with due diligence and to ensure maximum benefit to the government offices in Karnataka. The entire process is also being monitored by the committee of officers, technical experts and independent external experts, he said.

But aggrieved companies did not accept the government's response as fair. They said, "CISCO proprietary protocols have not been changed until now and this would mean one party is favoured. It would mean a serious disadvantage to other bidders/OEMS."

CLASS 10 GIRL GETS PREGNANT, ACCUSED HELD

Chikkaballapur: A Class 10 student studying at a residential school in Chikballapur has been found to be pregnant. Following this, police booked a POCSO against the accused, who is said to be a relative of the girl, and arrested him. Residential Educational Institutions Society Director (KREIS) Kantharaju has ordered suspension of the school principal and warden. Sources said the pregnancy came to light when the girl was taken for medical examination. The accused, Srihari, aged around 25, works as a cab driver. Various department heads visited the school and women officials are counselling the victim. **ENS**

Ballot for all local body polls: Min

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR
@ Lakkundi (Gadag)

ELECTIONS to all local bodies, including zilla, taluk and gram panchayats and Greater Bengaluru Authority, will be held using ballot papers and not electronic voting machines, said Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister **HK Patil** on Friday.

"People have lost faith in EVMs. That is why the government is using ballot papers," he said. Unveiling five temples and five wells at the historical Lakkundi village in Gadag district, he said, "Many big democracies have turned away from EVMs to adopt ballot papers. We informed the Election Commission about our decision. We also told EC to amend laws if needed and that we would provide funds for ballot papers. We will not decide on the Assembly and Council polls," he said.

Asked if it was not a step backward, he said, "It is not. Many big democracies have turned to ballot papers. The worry is that EVMs can be hacked. We had advised EC to hold a hackathon, but they were neither ready to run the challenge nor willing to hold a discussion."

In Mysuru, MLC Dr Yathindra Siddaramaiah said, "Even technologically advanced countries have moved away from EVMs and returned to ballot papers. They will be appropriate in the future too."

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ON A DIFFERENT WICKET

PWD Minister Satish Jarakiholi and Women and Child Development Minister Laxmi Hebbalkar try their hands at cricket in Belagavi on Friday. The match started after Jarakiholi and Hebbalkar inaugurated a state-of-the-art indoor box cricket ground, built at a cost of ₹40 lakh, at the District Bal Bhavan | EXPRESS

EXPRESS READ

Four booked for obstructing work on NH

Mangaluru: The Mangaluru East police have registered a case against four individuals for obstructing the NHAI project director from carrying out official duties. On February 4, accused Pramod Ballabagh, Umesh Shetty, Praveen Kumar and Santhosh Kumar Barebail obstructed the complainant while he was issuing instructions to the Mugrodi Construction Company regarding the work. They also prevented the workers from continuing the construction work. **ENS**

Record price: Farmer gets ₹74K a quintal for chilli crop

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @Gadag

A FARMER from Lakkundi village in Gadag district has attained an astonishing price of Rs 74,099 per quintal for his chilli harvest. Chandru Chabarabhavi secured this remarkable price due to both the exceptional quality of his produce and the organic cultivation methods he employed.

He cultivated the Kashmir dabba variety of chilli, utilising exclusively cow dung as fertiliser. Typically, chilli prices fluctuate between Rs 35,000 and Rs 50,000 per quintal, contingent upon quality; however, this year marks an unprecedented high over the past two years. In January 2023, Sharanappa, a farmer from Kotumachagi, received Rs 70,499, while Chandru has now surpassed this with his Rs 74,099 yield. Farmers in Lakkundi celebrated this new record by distributing sweets.

Previously, the highest recorded price for a quintal of chilli was Rs 41,101, achieved by a farmer in 2020. In November 2022, market prices hovered around Rs 45,000, while in 2023, they rose to Rs 70,499, as reported by several farmers.

The Byadgi chilli, cultivated in the Haveri, Dharwad, and Gadag regions, enjoys considerable market demand.

Chandru Chabarabhavi expressed, "I anticipated a favourable price, but never envisioned such a record-breaking amount. I have yet to devise a plan for the utilisation of this money, but I intend to approach it judiciously, especially after enduring consecutive crop losses. My friends brought sweets, and we performed puja for my crop."

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Authorised Officer's Details:	Address of the Branch :
Name : Smt. Jayalakshmi .M Chief Manager Mobile No: +91 99451 43159 Landline No. (Office): 080-2594 3663 E-mail ID: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in	STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH (SARB), # 11/90, 3rd Floor, Opp. Trustwell hospital, J C Road, Bangalore - 560002. Tel: 080-2594-3678/3663 E-mail ID: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in.

APENDIX IV-A [See proviso to Rule 8(6)]
E-AUCTION ON 26.02.2026
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Property (excluding movables, if any, lying in the premises) under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the Borrowers/Mortgagor in particular that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, Bengaluru, the Actual physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank, will be sold on "As is Where is", "As is What is" and "Whatever There is" basis on **26.02.2026** for recovery of **Rs. 5,03,79,457/-** (Rupees Five Crores Three Lakh Seventy Nine Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Seven Only) as on 05.02.2026 and further interest from 06.02.2026 at contractual rate with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc, due to the Secured Creditor State Bank of India from the Borrowers : **(1) Sri. Shanagonda Bharath Vikas** S/o Sri. Shanagonda Venkatesham and **(2) Smt. Padmavathi Shanagonda W/o. Sri. Shanagonda Venkatesham (HL 38763567072)**

The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), Bid increment amount and time of e-auction and last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents for immovable property to be sold will be as under :

Reserve Price (Below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment Amount	Date &Time of e-Auction of property	Last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
Rs.2,31,00,000/-	Rs. 23,10,000/-	Rs. 1,00,000/-	26.02.2026, 11:00 A.M to 4.00 P.M	On or before 25.02.2026 up to 4.00 P.M.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY :

Tender No: SBI/SARB/2025-26/191 **Property ID: SBIN400034241201**

Schedule A Property : ITEM NO. I : All that piece and parcel of Southern portion of residentially converted land bearing Sy. No.184 (converted vide official memorandum dated 21.02.2014 bearing No. A.L.N(SU)SR(K)85/13-14 issued by the office of Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) situated at Kaggalipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore. measuring 1 Acre including all rights and appurtenances whatsoever underneath or above the surface and **bounded as under : East by :** Remaining portion of Sy.No. 184 measuring 18 guntas, **West by :** Land of Sri. Santhosh, **North by :** Land bearing Sy No.184 owned by the builder M/s. Axis Concept Constructions Pvt. Ltd., **South by :** Halla.

ITEM NO. II : All that piece and parcel of portion residentially converted land bearing Sy.No.184 (converted vide official memorandum dated 21.02.2014 bearing No. A.L.N(SU)SR(K)85/13-14 issued by the office of Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) situated at Kaggalipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore measuring 1 Acre with including all rights and appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and **bounded as under : East by :** Remaining portion of same land in Sy.No.184 measuring 18 guntas, **West by :** Land of Sri. Santhosh, **North by :** Land bearing Sy No.182, **South by :** Land bearing Sy No.184 owned by M/s. Liferay Technology Pvt. Ltd.,
Together with right use to 30 feet approach road from O.B. Choodahalli Road to the said properties.

COMPOSITE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of portions of residentially converted land bearing Sy.No. 184 (converted vide official memorandum dated 21.02.2014 bearing No. A.L.N(SU)SR(K)85/13-14 issued by the office of Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) situated at Kaggalipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore measuring 2 Acres, including all rights and appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and **bounded as under : East by :** Remaining portion of Sy.No. 184 measuring 18 guntas and Road, **West by :** Land of Sri. Santhosh, **North by :** Land bearing Sy. No.182, **South by :** Halla.

Schedule B Property : An extent of 94.22% (on SBA) of undivided right, title and interest in land comprised in the Schedule A Property equivalent to 2,968 Sq. ft.

Schedule C Property : All that piece and parcel of type 4 BHK Unit No. 02 in the SWATAH Block of the residentially project called "AXIS TATVAM" on the schedule A property i.e., portions of residentially converted land bearing Sy.No.184 (converted vide official memorandum dated 21.02.2014 bearing No.A.L.N(SU)SR(K)85/13-14 issued by the office of Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) situated at Kaggalipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore with details and other attributes given hereunder :

Super built-up area	3150 Sq. ft. including proportionate share of common area with the floors, ceiling and walls between villa jointly belonging to such villa owners equally.
Accommodation	Consisting of Hall-cum-dining, 04 Bedrooms, 05 toilets, kitchen lavatory inclusive of proportionate area of common facilities like staircases, corridors etc,.
Car parking	02 covered car parking space bearing No. S-02 in the basement floor
Roof	RCC
Floor	Vitrifies flooring & Wood laminated finish in MBR
Walls	Solid Concrete Blocks
Doors & Windows	Honne wood & steel windows
Amenities provided	Water, electricity and sanitary connections

The Unit is bounded as follows : East by : 5 Mtr. Drive Way, **West by :** Pathway and Vedantha Unit No. 02, **North by :** Swatah Unit No. 01, **South by :** Swatah Unit No. 03.

15 Days Sale Notice Under "Sarfaesi" Act, 2002. : The Borrowers/Mortgagors is hereby noticed to pay the sum mentioned above within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which the Bank shall sell the properties as per the provisions laid down in the SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided by the secured creditor represented by the **Authorised Officer, State bank of India, SARB, Bengaluru ie., 1) http://baanknet.com, 2) www.sbi.co.in**

For further details regarding inspection of the property the intending bidder may contact the Authorised Officer as mentioned above or Bank's Approved **Resolution Agent M/s. Sri Devi Resolutions Pvt. Ltd, Bangalore Representative: Sri. Jagadeesh N, Cell No. 9902401486.**

To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said properties.

Date: 05.02.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer & Chief Manager
State Bank of India,
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru.

BENGALURU SOUTH CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Executive Engineer Co-ordination & Planning, Zone-1, Jayanagara Zone office complex, 9th Main Road, 9th Cross, Jayanagara 2nd Block, Bengaluru-560011
Email : eeprojectsouth@gmail.com

No. EE(C&P)/Z-1/BSCC/Kppp/TN-02/2025-26 Date : 06-02-2026

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

(Through GOK KPP Portal only) (Two Cover System) - (Call-2)
Short Term Tender

The Executive Engineer, Co-ordination & Planning, BSCC invites tenders on behalf of the Commissioner, BSCC, Bengaluru from eligible Tenderers for the work detailed in the table below.

Sl.	Name of the Work
1	Providing and Supplying Staff for Revenue & IT Work of Bengaluru South City Corporation for 1 Year on Out Source Contract Basis. **Amount put to tender (Including GST) :** Rs. 2,55,60,000/- **EMD Amount :** Rs. 3,83,400/-

(1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** under login for Contractors. **(2)** Pre bid meeting will be held on **09.02.2026, 3:00 PM** at the Office of the Joint Commissioner, Zone-1, Bengaluru South City Corporation, 9th Main Road, Jayanagara 2nd Block, Bengaluru-560011. **(3)** Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders is : **13.02.2026 upto 5.00 PM (4)** Technical Bid Opening date : **16.02.2026 at 5.00 PM. (5)** Financial Bid will be intimated to the bidders.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Co-ordination & Planning, Zone-1
Bengaluru South City Corporation

Public Works Department,

Office of the Executive Engineer,
PWD Bengaluru Division, 2nd Floor,
PWD Annexure Building, K.R.Circle, Bengaluru-560001
Ph:080-22133370, e-mail: eepwdbngdn@yahoo.com
e-portal: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/portal-home

Short-Tender Notification No. 53/2025-26 Date: 06.02.2026

Item-rate tenders, for the work in PWD **No. 1 South Sub Division** under this office noted below, are invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka in accordance with Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Rules 2000 and as per Standard Tender Documents for procurement of works from the contractors registered in K.P.W.D. as per KPPP.

Tender Notification are Published **for 03 works (Rs. 10.50 Lakhs to Rs. 50.00 Lakhs).** Details of the tender works can be obtained from the above Office during office hours on working days. **EMD & Tender processing fees are mentioned in KPP Portal.**

For Sl.No.01:

1. Tenders must be submitted online through KPP portal on or before **4.00 PM on Dated 16.02.2026.**
2. The opening of tenders through KPP portal **on 17.02.2026 at 4.30 PM** or further date and time will be intimated.

For Sl.No.02 to 05:

1. Tenders must be submitted online through KPP portal on or before **4.00 PM on 21.02.2026.**
2. The opening of tenders through KPP portal **on 23.02.2026 at 4.30 PM** or further date and time will be intimated.

For more details contact this office.

DIPR/DD-CP/5480/KSMCA/2025-26 **Sd/- Executive Engineer**

SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
Follow us on X@SCRailwayindia
Details of the Tender Notices of S.C Railway can be seen on our website: www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

E-Tender Notice No. C-SG-PT-ABS-04 NW-WD dated 04.02.2026 P/DR/1686

Dy.CSTE/Projects/Tele/SC acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for the following work.

Tender Number and Date: C-SG-PT-ABS-04 NW-WD dated: 04.02.2026 **Name of Work:** Comprehensive Signalling and Telecommunication works for provision of Automatic Block Signalling & Kavach Works in Nalwar-Wadi section of Guntakal Division in South Central Railway. **Estimated Project Cost:** Rs. 28,25,65,603.82/- **Bid Security:** Rs. 15,62,800/- **Completion Period of Work:** 12 Months **Bid Closing Date (Bid Due Date):** 07.03.2026 at 11.00 hrs **Bid Opening Date:** 07.03.2026 after 11.00 hrs **Validity of Offer:** 120 Days from Bid Closing Date **Cost of Tender Booklet:** Rs.0/-

All bidding is in Indian Railway e-tendering portal **www.ireps.gov.in.** Manual offers are not allowed against this tender. Further details can be seen in **www.ireps.gov.in.**

Dy. CSTE/Projects/Tele/ Secunderabad
A2389

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

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(A Government Of India Undertaking)
Head Office: Bangalore

ARM-1 Branch,
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M.G. Road Bengaluru-560001
Ph:080-25310066, E-mail: cb2366@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable / movable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 24.02.2026 (10.00 AM to 11.00AM), for recovery of Rs. 77,90,87,835.74 (Rupees Seventy-Seven Crore Ninety Lakh Eighty-Seven Thousands Eight Hundred Thirty-Five and Seventy-Four Paisa Only)** as on **01.02.2026** with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from (1) M/s Air Pegasus Pvt Ltd.,** No. 21/15, M G Road, Bangalore-56001. **(2) Sri Shyson Thomas** S/o Late P C Joseph, **(3) Mrs. Shyana Thomas** W/o Shyson Thomas, **(4) Mr. Ashwin Thomas** S/o Shyson Thomas, **All are Residing at :** # 637/1, Ashwin Manor, Air Port Road, HAL Post, Bangalore-560017. **(5) M/s Decor Aviation Pvt Ltd.,** # 22 and 23, 3rd Main, Air view Colony, HAL, Bangalore-560017.
The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through **RTGS/NEFT** in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **23.02.2026 - 5.00 pm.** **(₹.In Lakhs)**

Lot	Description of the immovable assets:	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental Value	Inspection date & time
1	All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy. No. 54, 55 and 902 measuring 0.77 Ares, 9.75 Ares and 3.64 Ares respectively located at Chendamangalam Village, Paravur Taluk, Ernakulam District together with building bearing No. 1/527 (Total extent 14.16 Ares) and bounded as follows: East by : B Schedule Property & Thodu, West by : River, North by : Private Road & B Schedule Property, South by : Property of Puthenveetil Shelly. **Coordinates of the property** **Latitude- 10.186240, Longitude- 76.204772**	Rs. 71.00	Rs. 7.10	Rs. 1.00	18.02.2026 10.00 AM to 2.00 PM with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/) portal and may contact ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.080-25310066, 6301683293 and 9483544116, e-mail: cb2366@canarabank.com during office hours on any working day.

Date : 06.02.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DIVISION, VIJAYAPUR.

I.F.T.No:EE/PWD/VJP/PB/4059-CMIDP/2025-26/4617
Dated:05.02.2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(E-Procurement)

The-Executive Engineer, Public Works Dept. Division, Vijayapur Invites tenders from eligible tenderers (registered in Public Works Department) Total 14 works, As per standard bid documents KW- 4 with 4059-80-051-0-60-132 CMIDP SH and MDR Improvements, head of account costing of maximum and minimum amount for Rs.500.00 Lakhs and RS.250.00 lakhş the EMD amount of maximum and minimum Rs.7,50,000/-and RS.3,75,000/- for the works. For above work G.S.T amount will be paid to the Contractor separately and Increase in G.S.T shall not be paid in the extended period of Contract for which the contractor alone is responsible for delay as determined by the authority while granting the extension of time. The calendar events of tenders, dates are fixed as follows (1) Pre-Bid Meeting for Contractors Date: 16.02.2026 upto 11.00 AM (2) Last Date for Receipt of Tenders Date: 23.02.2026. upto 4.30 PM. (3) Opening of Technical Bid Date: 24.02.2026 at 4.31 PM. (4) Opening of Financial Bid Date: 25.02.2026 at 4.31 PM onwords. Clause-4 Conditions of Standard Bid Document may be seen in Departmental Website i.e "https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in" and for more information may contact help desk Bangalore (Phone No. 91 80 46010000, +91 80 68948777) or office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ವಿಜಯಪುರ/676/ಕೆಎಸ್ಎಂಸಿಎ/2025-26 **PWD Division, Vijayapura**

Taking a dig at YSRCP president YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's claim that the CBI-led SIT had given him a clean chit in the ghee adulteration case, Minister for HRD and IT and TDP general secretary Nara Lokesh stressed the need to counter what he termed as false propaganda by the YSRCP

DISQUALIFICATION OF BRS MLAs

SC GIVES LAST OPPORTUNITY TO TG SPEAKER

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Friday gave a final three-week window to the Assembly Speaker to decide the pending disqualification petitions against 10 BRS MLAs who allegedly defected to the ruling Congress, warning that contempt proceedings would follow in case of failure.

A bench of Justices Sanjay Karol and AG Masih passed the order while hearing a contempt plea filed by BRS leaders KT Rama Rao, Padi Kaushik Reddy and KP Vivekanand. "We expect the Speaker to positively take a decision failing which w will proceed with the contempt," the bench said.

Senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi, appearing for the Speaker, submitted that a decision had already been taken in one case and the Speaker was close to deciding two other matters. He cited the conduct of municipal elections in the state and sought three weeks' time to conclude all pending disqualification proceedings.

Counsel for the petitioners opposed the plea, stating that the Speaker had sought time on earlier occasions as well and that only one meeting had been held so far in connection with the disqualification petitions. Justice Karol noted that at the previous hearing, the Speaker had asked for three weeks, but the court had granted two weeks to assess whether there was any progress. Addressing Singhvi, Justice Karol remarked, "We request you not to make reels out of it. This is what is happening. Do not do it. What is happening is, it is a new industry."

On January 16, the apex court had asked the Speaker to apprise it within two weeks of the status of adjudication of the disqualification pleas and to file a status report indicating the steps taken. Earlier, on November 17, 2025, the court had issued a contempt notice to the Speaker for not complying with its directions to decide the pleas.

Spa employee gangraped in Tiruvalla, two arrested

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Pathanamthitta

IN a shocking incident, a woman employee of a spa in Tiruvalla was allegedly gangraped after the management refused to pay extortion money demanded by a group of goons, who included a KAAPA-listed accused.

Two persons have been arrested in connection with the incident, which occurred on February 1. Four of the accused are absconding. The arrested are prime accused Marana Subin alias Subin Alexander, 27, a native of Kuttapuzha in Tiruvalla, who has multiple criminal cases registered against him, including one under the Kerala Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Act (KAAPA), and Berlin Das, an aide of Subin and a resident of Tiruvalla. The accused had repeatedly visited the spa, located on the outskirts of Tiruvalla town, demanding 'gunda pirivu' (extortion money) of Rs 50,000. When the spa owner refused, the gang allegedly threatened the staff. On the afternoon of February 1, the accused allegedly stormed into the spa, forcibly dragged the woman employee into a room at knife point, and subjected her to brutal sexual assault, the police said.

The accused are also alleged to have recorded the act on a mobile phone. Besides the victim, two others were present at the spa at the time of the incident.

The gang also threatened a woman who was at the spa and robbed her of cash, the police said. Before fleeing, the gang allegedly took Rs 25,000 in cash from the establishment. They also threatened the victim and staff with dire consequences, including death, if they inform the police about the incident.

Disturbing visuals of the goons barging into the spa and allegedly indulging in acts of intimidation and violence have since surfaced. After being tipped off, the police registered a case suo motu on February 3, naming six persons as accused under relevant sections of the BNS, including charges of gangrape, extortion, criminal intimidation, and robbery.

There were allegations that attempts were made by certain quarters to settle the case and hush up the matter, sources said. Meanwhile, dramatic scenes unfolded during the arrest of Subin Alexander from his house in Kuttappuzha, when his pet dogs allegedly attacked the police team. Two cops sustained minor injuries in the incident. Police said Subin is a habitual offender involved in several criminal cases. "We are making all efforts to nab the absconding accused at the earliest," police said.

DRY POND TURNS DEATHBED

The Vadakku Kaluvoor pond in Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu, which receives water from Manimuthar Dam, has been a seasonal habitat for hundreds of pelicans that migrate for nesting and breeding between December and March. However, due to the delay in the release of water from the dam this year, the pond has almost dried up, leading to the death of several pelicans and chicks due to lack of fish and water. Residents have urged officials to release water immediately to save the migratory birds | V KARTHIKALAGU

Top-ranked Maoists couple, 17 others surrender in Odisha

ASISH MEHTA @ Bhubaneswar

IN a major success for state police and a huge blow to the CPI (Maoist), at least 19 cadres, including a most-wanted couple carrying a cumulative reward of Rs 1.10 crore on their heads, surrendered in Rayagada and Kandhamal districts on Friday.

Niranjan Rout alias Nikhil and his wife Ankita alias Rashmita Lenka, both state committee members of the CPI (Maoist), surrendered along with 13 others before the Rayagada police. The group belonged to the Bansadhara-Ghumusar-Nagabali (BGN) division of the banned outfit.

Addressing mediapersons, DGP YB Khurania said the couple had a cash reward of Rs 55 lakh each. Nikhil hails from Jagatsinghpur district, while Ankita is a native of Tangi in Cuttack district. Nikhil was active in the bordering areas of Rayagada, Gajapati and Kandhamal districts since the last two decades. He had reportedly come in contact with some Naxal sympathisers after 1999 Super Cyclone and joined the banned outfit since then. After top three in state CPI (Maoist) ranks - Ramachandra Reddy, better known as Chalapathi, Modem Balakrishna and Ganesh Uike were neutralised by the security forces last year, Nikhil had taken over the command but was compelled to surrender as the Naxal outfit became rudderless in recent months, police said.

In the last one year, 12 to 13 central committee members were neutralised in different states or surrendered. The Naxals are now facing leadership vaccum as they are left with only four central committee members operating in Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand. The Naxal cadres also laid down 14 weapons including two AK-47, five self-loading rifles (SLR), one sten gun, Insas and .303 rifle each along with four single shot guns, said Khurania.

Similarly, four other Maoists surrendered and laid down one SLR, two .303 rifles and a gun before Kandhamal police on the day. They were all party members, active in Kandhamal and Boudh districts and carried a total cash reward of Rs 10.60 lakh.

IISc PARTNERS WITH KOCHI METRO FOR URBAN MOBILITY

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Kochi Metro Rail Limited (KMRL) to undertake joint research and implementation in areas of sustainable urban mobility and public transport systems.

The MoU is aimed to combine KMRL's practical experience in developing and operating multimodal urban transport systems with IISc's advanced, data-driven and empirical research expertise. The partnership will focus on sustainable mobility planning, transport operations, and the application of emerging technologies such as AI, IoT, blockchain, simulation modelling and intelligent decision-support systems. Ashish Verma, professor of Transportation Planning and Policy, IISc, said the collaboration is focused on solving real-world urban challenges through evidence-based research. "We see Kochi as an ideal city to demonstrate how sustainable, livable and resilient urban mobility can be achieved," Prof Verma said. He added that IISc has developed advanced simulation models that allow policy makers to test transport interventions in a virtual environment.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of the General Public that my client Smt. Shalini H S W/o Sri. Shankaranarayana K R, residing at No. 114/1, Kavi Lakshmisha Road, V V Puram, Bangalore - 560 004, has irretrievably lost the original Sale Deed 05-12-2000, registered as Document No. 1784/2000-01 of Book - I, Vol. No. 35 at pages 144 to 147 registered in the office of the Addl. District Registrar, Bangalore Urban District and Possession Certificate issued by BDA on 14-05-1986 vide PCR No. 3065 in the name of Sri. S. Maheswarappa. My client has lodged a Police Complaint for lost article on 05-02-2026, under acknowledgement issued by the Bangalore City Police bearing Sl. No. 2046840, Lost Report No. 2046840/2026.

If any person / s found the said Sale deed and Possession Certificate please come forward with in a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice and hand over the same to the under signed, will be suitably rewarded. If anyone has already carried out any transaction or any transaction is in the process of being carried out using the missing document, kindly inform the undersigned party in writing at the below mentioned address within 7 days from this paper publication. Else there won't be any further claims from thereon.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of immovable Residential property BDA Site bearing 2223, Khata No. 92/2223, measuring East to West 6.30 meters and North to South 12.2 meters, totally measuring 76.86 square meters, 13th Main Road, Kumaraswamy Layout 2nd Stage, BBMP Ward No. 55/185, along with Ground, First and Second Floor R.C.C. roofed Mosaic Tiles flooring with jungle wood doors and windows with all civic amenities, and bounded on: - East by : Property No. 2222, West by : Property No. 2224, North by : Road, South by : Property No. 2220

Sri. B. Dinesh, Advocate,
No.16, Second Floor, Padmavathi Arcade,
1st Main Road, N.R. Colony, Bangalore-560 019.
Mob : 9448505446 & 8904420395.
Place : Bangalore Date : 07-02-2026

WESTERN RAILWAY

SUPPLY INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING

Sr.DEN(South)MMCT invites **Tender Notice No: BCT/25-26/312 Dated 03.02.2026 Work and location: Churchgate - Virar Section :- Supply, installation commissioning and operating (5 years) track-based rail Gauge Face Lubricators (Electronic type and carry down effect up to 1 km) between Chuchgate to Virar. Approx. Cost of work: ₹10,37,68,873.20 EMD: ₹6,68,900/- Date & Time of submission: till 10.03.2026, 15.00 hrs. Date & Time of opening:** On 10.03.2026 at 15.30 hrs. For further details please visit our website **www.ireps.gov.in.** 1085

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Guardian Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamita

No. 139, Guardian House, 2nd Floor, Infantry Road, Bangalore – 560001.
Ph: 080- 25580972 / 30700023

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION TO THE GOVERNING BODY

Rule-5(3)

Guardian Souharda Sahakri Bank Niyamita will hold an election of Directors for the next 5 (Five) years on **21.02.2026 (Saturday) from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at No. 139, Guardian House, Infantry Road, Bengaluru-560001. The election has been organised at this venue. The information regarding the election has been posted to all the eligible members by post. The date for filing nominations is from **07.02.2026** to **13.02.2026** by **4:00 p.m.** If the election schedule has not reached, it should be collected from the Head Office. You are requested to arrive on time and actively participate in the election.

Sd/-, Harish Kumar B.V.
Returning Officer
Asst. Registrar of Karnataka Co Operative Societies
Zone III, Malleshwarm, Bengaluru-560003

Date: 06.02.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Special note: Members who have not availed their ID cards are requested to visit the nearby branches along with two recent photographs and avail the ID cards.

ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಆಫ್ ಬರೋಡ Bank of Baroda

Regional Office, Bengaluru South:
4th Floor, 41/2, M G Road, Trinity Circle,
Bengaluru – 560001

REQUIREMENT OF PREMISES ON LEASE/RENTAL BASIS

Bank of Baroda invites proposals/offers from the owners having clear and marketable titles over land and built-up property with the carpet area of up to 2270 sq ft on Ground/Upper Ground Floor for **Koramangala Branch**, Bengaluru South Region with all facilities including adequate power supply. The intending offerers shall submit their offers in two separate sealed covers superscribed as "Technical bid" and "Financial bid" to the following address: The Regional Manager, Bank of Baroda, 4th floor, Regional Office Bengaluru South, Vijaya Towers, Trinity Circle, MG Road, Bengaluru-560001 on or before **23.02.2026 by 15.00hrs**. For details, please login on Tender section of our website (**http://www.bankofbaroda.com**).

Date: 07.02.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Regional Head,
Bank of Baroda, Bangalore South

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, **Jana Small Finance Bank** under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) ("said Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("said Rules") issued a **demand notice dated 16.05.2025** calling upon the borrower **1) Mr. Ramesh Nayaka, 2) Mrs. Kalibai, against LAN No.45350430000302** the guarantors and the mortgagors to repay the amount, details of which are mentioned in the table below:

And whereas subsequently, **Jana Small Finance Bank** has vide Assignment Agreement dated 30.06.2025 assigned all its rights, title, interest and benefits in respect of the debts due and payable by the borrower/ guarantor(s)/ mortgagor(s) arising out of the facilities advanced by **Jana Small Finance Bank** to borrower/ guarantor(s) alongwith the underlying Immovable Property to **Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited acting in its capacity as Trustee of Arcil - Trust -2026 - 005("Arcil")** for the benefit of the holders of Security Receipts. Therefore, in view of the said assignment, **Arcil** now stands substituted in the place of **Jana Small Finance Bank** and **Arcil** shall be entitled to institute/continue all and any proceedings against the borrower/ guarantor(s)/ mortgagor(s) and to enforce the rights and benefits under the financial documents including the enforcement of guarantee and security interest executed and created by the borrower/ guarantor(s)/ mortgagor(s) for the financial facilities availed by them.

The borrower/ guarantor(s)/ mortgagor(s) having failed to repay the said amounts, notice is hereby given to the borrower/ guarantor(s)/ mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Arcil** has **taken possession** of the underlying Immovable Property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on **"AS IS WHERE IS & WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS"** on the date mentioned below.

Borrower Name and Guarantors	Demand Notice	Possession Date
1) Mr. Ramesh Nayaka (Borrower & Mortgagor) 2) Mrs. Kalibai (Co-Borrower)	**Rs.4,58,729.94** (Rupees Four Lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Nine and Ninety Four Paisa Only) due **as on 12-05-2025** along with future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount with effect from **11.05.2025** together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. **Notice Dated: 16.05.2025**	**04.02.2026**

Description of Property: Property Details: All that piece and parcel of for Property No.1529001005005005 26/01/104/1, measuring East to West 10.00 meters and North to South 7.00 meters, situated at Menasiganahalli Village, Bhoohalli Grama Panchayath, Channapattana Block, Ramanagara District and **Bounded on: East by:** Property belongs to Kamalabai, **West by:** Government Road, **North by:** Government Road, **South by:** Property belongs to Kamalabai.

The borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned that **Arcil** is in **lawful possession** of the Immovable Property mentioned above and under Section 13(13) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, the borrower/ guarantor(s)/ mortgagor(s) or any person whatsoever, shall after receipt of this notice not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate the Immovable Property, without prior written consent of **Arcil** and any dealings with the Immovable Property will be subject to the charge of **Arcil** for the amount as mentioned above along with future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc.

The borrowers'/ guarantors'/ mortgagors' attention is invited to the provisions of the Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the said Act, in respect of time available to redeem the above mentioned Immovable Property.

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited
Trustee of Arcil - Trust -2026 - 005("Arcil")

Place: Ramanagara
Date: 07.02.2026

ASSET RECONSTRUCTION COMPANY (INDIA) LTD.
Registered Office: The Ruby, 10th Floor, 29 Senapati Bapat Marg, Dadar (W), Mumbai-400028.

SAINIK SCHOOL KALIKIRI, ANNAMAYYA DIST(A.P)

(Under the aegis of MoD, Govt of India)
Advt No. SSKAL/1010/RECT/2026-01, dated 07 Feb 2026

ACADEMIC STAFF REQUIRED ON REGULAR BASIS

Sainik School Kalikiri invites applications from eligible candidates for the following vacancy:

S. No	Name of Post, Age Limit, Salary	Education Qualification
1.	PGT (Computer Science) **Regular Basis** **Age:** 21-40 years as on 27 Feb 2026 **Reserved for SC Category No.of Vacancy– 01** **Pay Level:**Rs 47,600/- in the Level 8 of the Pay Matrix as per 7th CPC recommendations.	**Essential:** 1.M.Sc (Computer Science/IT)/MCA from recognised institution with at least 50% Marks. **OR** M.E. or M.Tech. (Computer Science / IT) from recognised institution with at least 50% marks. 2. B.Ed. Degree from NCTE recognised institution with at least 50% marks. **OR** Three years integrated B.Ed. M.Ed from NCTE recognised institution with at least 50% marks. **OR** Four years Integrated Degree with at least 50% marks from NCTE recognised institution including B.Ed. Component.

Brief description of eligibility and qualification has been provided in the above table. Kindly visit https://sskal.ac.in/ for detailed advertisement with essential & desirable qualifications, eligibility and other details. Last date for receiving duly filled in applications is **within 21 days from the date of publication of advertisement**.The list of shortlisted candidates will be uploaded on the school website and separate emails will be forwarded to the candidates. No correspondence through post will be made in this regard. Candidates are requested to frequently visit the school website for any updates. **The school administration reserves the right to cancel the vacancy due to administrative reasons.**

Sd/-PRINCIPAL

Bata

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that certain original property documents belonging to M/s. Bata India Limited, relating to properties situated at Peenya 4th Phase Industrial Area, Bengaluru, have been lost / misplaced and are not traceable despite diligent search. The details of the same are below:

Property -1: Plot Nos. **474, 475 and 476** Peenya 4th Phase Industrial Area, Nallakadaranahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, Admeasuring **19,912 Sq. meters**, PID No. **2191981428**. Following documents have been Lost/ misplaced/ untraceable:

A. Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) Allotment Letter dated **10.01.1985**
B. KIADB Possession Certificate dated **04.09.1986**
C. Approved Building Plan (Original)

Property - 2: Plot No. **476-C1 and part of Plot No. 473-C**, Peenya 4th Phase Industrial Area, Nallakadaranahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, Admeasuring **6,832 Sq. meters**, PID No. **3583988455**. Following documents have been Lost/misplaced/untraceable:

A. KIADB Allotment Letter dated **01.03.1988**
B. KIADB Possession Certificate dated **13.07.1988**
C. Approved Building Plan dated **28.01.1997**

Please take further notice that Bata India Limited has not lodged the abovesaid originals with any Bank / Financial Institution / person/ party/ etc. nor has authorised any person or party to deal with the properties as described above and the properties are free from any encumbrances.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, AT BANGALORE

4th Floor, Telephone House Building, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

O A No.1247/2024

Between:
The Karur Vysya Bank Limited.,
...Applicant
And :
M/s Sri Vidya Computech and Others.
.Defendant

SUMMONS/NOTICE TO DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23(viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993, BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To:
1. M/s Sri Vidya Computech
No.398/2A Shivayana Mutt Road, Opp to Avila Convent, Devraja Mohalla, Mysore-570 024
2. Mrs. Asha G
Door No. 214, 1st Floor, 4th main, 7th A Cross, Subhash Nagar, Mysore-570 007
3. Mr. Fairoz P
S/o Mohammed Pasha, Door No. 214, 1st Floor, 4th main, 7th A Cross, Subhash Nagar, Mysore-570 007
...Defendants

Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application/interlocutoryapplication under Section 19 (1) of Recovery of Debts & Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.82,93,566.03 (Rupees Eighty Two Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Five Hundred And Sixty Six and Paise Three Only)** with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. You are hereby require to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of theSummons on or before **10.04.2026 at 10.30 AM** in the forenoon in person or by Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted

.Take notice that in case of default the application/interlocutory application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this date **05.02.2026**

Signature of the Officer
Debt Recovery Tribunal-II
Bangalore.

Advt. No. 02/2025

National Institute of Homeopathy

An Autonomous Institute)
Govt. of India
Ministry of AYUSH

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

National Institute of Homoeopathy invites application from eligible interested Indian Citizens for filling up the following posts on Deputation/Deputation including short term contract:

SL. No.	Name of the Post	No. of Posts	Group	Pay Matrix	Corresponding Level in 7th CPC
1.	Joint Director (Admn.)	One (01)	A	Rs. 78,800-2,09,200/-	12
2.	Accounts Officer	One (01)	B	Rs. 47,600-1,51,100/-	8
3.	Store Officer/Maintenance Officer/Hostel Supervisor	One (01)	B	Rs. 44,900-1,42,400/-	7
4.	Office Superintendent	One (01)	B	Rs.35,400-1,12,400/-	6
5.	Assistant	Two (02)	B	Rs.35,400-1,12,400/-	6

*[N.B: The number of vacancies may vary]

Interested candidates may submit their application within forty five (45) days from the date of publication of the Advertisement. For details, please log on to https://nih.ayush.gov.in/.

CBC 17209/12/0012/2526

Sd/-
Director, NIH.

AADHAR HOUSING FINANCE LTD.

Corporate Office : 802, Natraj By Rustomjee, Western Express Highway, Sir M.V. Road, Andheri East, Mumbai - 400069, Maharashtra.
Malleswaram Branch : No.16/12 , Nagarathna Nilaya, First Floor, Opp Dr.Rajkumar Samadhi, 1st A Cross,2nd Main, Nandini Layout. 2nd Block, Outer Ring Road, Bangalore-560096 District - Bangalore.

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd

E - AUCTION – SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of immovable Properties under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged,possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Malleswaram Branch** of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is"** with no known encumbrances Particulars of which are given below:-

Sl No.	Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property	Reserve Price (RP)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (10% of RP)	Nature of possession
1.	**Loan Code. 18910000237 Malleswaram Branch) Muralimohan R** (Borrower) **Pankaja N P** (Co Borrower)	**10-11-2025 ₹ 12,78,065.00**	Property Bearing No Site No. 297, Formed In The Survey No. 218/11 And Survey No.219/7 And Other Survey Measuring East To West: 30 Feet And North To South: 40 Feet Totally Measuring 1200 Sq.Feet, Situated At Sondekoppa Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and Bounded :- **East by :** Road, **West by :** Site No.296, **North by :** Road and **South by :** Site No.298.	**₹ 18,24,000.00** (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Twenty Four Thousand Only)	**₹ 1,82,400.00** (Rupees One Lakh Eighty Two Thousand Four Hundred Only)	Physical

1. Last Date of Submission of DD of Earnest Money Deposit along with KYC, Tender Form and accepted Terms and conditions (Tender Documents) is **13-03-2026 within 5:00 PM** at the Branch Office address mentioned herein above or uploaded on **https://bankeauctions.com.** Tenders documents received beyond last date will be considered as invalid tender and shall accordingly be rejected. No interest shall be paid on the EMD.
2. Date of Opening of the Bid/Offer (Auction Date) for Property is **14-03-2026 on https://bankeauctions.com at 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM.**
3. AHFL is not responsible for any liabilities whatsoever pending upon the property as mentioned above. The Property shall be auctioned on 'As Is Where Is Basis', 'As Is What Is Basis' and 'Whatever Is There Is Basis'.
4. The Demand Draft Should be made in favorof 'Aadhar Housing Finance Limited' Only.
5. Auction/bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website **https://bankeauctions.com.** Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.
6. The intending bidders should register their names at portal **M/s C 1 INDIA PVT LTD** through the link **https: //bankeauctions. com/registration/** signup, and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider **M/s C 1 INDIA PVT LTD** through the **website https://bankeauctions.com**
7. For further details contact Authorised Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited, **Manjunatha K R, Branch (Contact No. 9480074594) OR the service provider M/s C 1 INDIA PVT LTD, Mr. Prabhakaran (Contact No. +91 7418281709), E-mail:tn@c1india.com & support@ bankeauctions.com, Mobile No:+917291981124 /25 /26.** As on date, there is no order restraining and/or court injunction AHFL/the authorized Officer of AHFL from selling, alienating and/or disposing of the above immovable properties/secured assets.
8. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL), secured creditor's website i.e. www.aadharhousing.com.
9. The Bid incremental amount for auction is **Rs.10,000/-.**
10. This newspaper publication and the data contained herein is intended for general public dissemination. Any reproduction, distribution, transmission, or republication of this content, in whole or in part, in any form or by any means, whether print, digital, electronic publication in any form, e-mail or web publications, or otherwise through any mode is strictly prohibited. Any unauthorized use of the above content through any mode may result in appropriate legal action by AHFL.

Place : Malleswaram, Date : 07.02.2026
Authorised Officer, Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

Bagalkot University

(State Public University of Govt. of Karnataka)
Mudhol Road, Jamkhandi-587301, Dist.Bagalkote
Mail ID: bgkujkd@gmail.com **Office of the Registrar**
Website: https://bgku.karnatak.gov.in Tel.No.(08353) 295123

BGKUJ/RO/2025-26/790 **PRESS NOTE** Date:06.02.2026

-:Tender Notification (Through E-Procurement):-

The Registrar, Bagalkot University, Jamkhandi invites Tender through e-procurement for **ALL-IN-ONE Desktop Computer** to Bagalkot University,Jamkhandi from **06.02.2026.** Desired eligible suppliers/ Agency may apply before **23.02.2026 by 5.00 PM** through **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** For further information kindly visit University website **http://bgku.karnataka.gov.in** or the Estate Office at University.

Sd/-
Registrar
Bagalkot University, Jamkhandi

THE HUTTI GOLD MINES COMPANY LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Hutti - 584 115, Raichur Dist., Karnataka State.
Tele: 08537-276339 e-Mail: **material276339@gmail.com**
Website: **www.huttigold.karnataka.gov.in**

T.NO.34/25-26 No.HGML/2025-26/
PREQUAL_TENDER_NUMBER_2 Date: 07.02.2026

Tender notification for Invitation of Expression of Interest (EOI)

Expression of Interest (EOI) from eligible, reputed and experienced Diagnostic Centres / Hospitals / Radiology Service Providers for empanelment to provide Radiology and Imaging Services to HGML, strictly at CGHS-2025 rates.

Interested consultant/consultancy, firm/individual consultants shall visit the link **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for necessary details like General conditions, eligibility criteria, etc., The interested agencies need to register with KPP Portal GoK, for participating in EOI.

Schedule of events: Pre-bid meeting (Zoom): **19.02.2026 at 11.00 AM.** Last date for receipt of bid: **09.03.2026 at 4.00 PM.** Date & Time for Opening of EOI bid: **11.03.2026 at 10.00 AM.**

Sd/- I/c. Dy. General Manager (Materials)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that our client/s, **SRI. D. JAMES S/o. Late M. Davidappa and his children SRI. ANOOP SABASTIN.J, and SMT. ALISHA.J** are intending to purchase the schedule mentioned property from **SRI. S. H. NARAYANA GOWDA S/o. Late. S.M.Hemanna** No.35/3, M.M.H. Farm House, Sathanur Village, Bagalur Post, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore North - 562 149. person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof on or before **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our clients shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the agricultural land situated at Sy. No. 14/2, measuring 20 gutnas out of 2 Acres 20 Guntas, located in Shivapura Village, Kasba Hobli, Doddaballapura, Bangalore Rural District Property.

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants Bangalore-43
M : 9845846428, 9108784843
E- Mail: rvlaw.76@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our clients **Mr.Bhuvanesh K S/o Mr.Kumar and his Wife Mrs.Jeevitha S** are intending to purchase the schedule property from **Mrs.Supritha G W/o Mr. Arul Leslei R** ; person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof on or before **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our clients shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing **Site No.2,** Carved in Property No.33/1, Situated at **Anagalapura Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore,** now coming under the purview of Doddagubbi Grama Panchayath, Bangalore, Measuring East to West **40 Feet** and North to South **30 Feet,** in all measuring **1200 Square Feet,** along with a 2 Square AC Sheet Roofed House standing thereon, together with all appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the:

East by : 20 Feet Road, West by : Site No.03, North by : 25 feet Road, South by : Site No.11.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients PRAJWAL .K.V & INDRA .N are intending to purchase the below mentioned schedule property with its present owner Sri.RAGHAENDRA .B.K S/o Late. Kalaiah.

Any person/s having any claim, right, title, interest, lien or any objections in whatsoever manner over the schedule property may lodge their objection/s with relevant documents proof to the undersigned within 15 days from the date of publication of this Notice, failing which my client would proceed to complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing **No. 8,** (Old No. 14) formed out of Sy.No.14 of Gerahally Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now bearing BBMP/Municipal No.8, BBMP PID No.54-273-8, New E P I D No. 8547066394, 3rd Cross, Srinivasa Nagara, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore - 85 and bounded on the:- **East By :** Property No.9, **West By :** Property No.7, **North By :** Road, **South By :** Property No. 19. Measuring East to West : 30'-0 feet & North to South : 45'-0 feet, totally measuring 1350 Square feet.

CHANDRASHEKAR .T, Advocate
No. 27, II Floor, 1st Main Road,
Chandra Shekar Complex, Gandhinagar,
Bangalore-560009. Ph.: 9886065242

WESTERN RAILWAY

MATERIAL MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

VARIOUS MATERIALS SUPPLY

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No. S/07/2026 Date 02.02.2026

Sr. No.	Short Description of Item	Quantity	T.O.D.
58	Running contract for One Year for Supply of End Cut Metal Liner as per RDSO Drawing No. T-8746/9681 & Supply of End Cut Metal Liner as per RDSO Drg. No T-4511/3740	152555 Nos	12-Mar-26
59	Running contract for One Year for Supply of 1 in 8.5 CMS Crossing for BG 52 Kg Rail section on PSC Sleepers to RDSO Drg. No.T-4867	50 Set	09-Mar-26
60	Design, Manufacture, Supply and erection of 05 (five) Ton Capacity DieselHydraulic Rail Crane	1 Nos	02-Mar-26
61	Various Item of Tungsten Carbide tip and Modified Carbide Tamping Tool	976 Nos 51 Set	02-Mar-26
62	JELLY FILLED TELECOM 6 QUAD-0.9MM CABLE	1258 KM	02-Mar-26
63	Set of harnessed cable	80 Set	02-Mar-26

CORRIGENDUM

Please read the due date as "11.02.2026" for the tender notice no S-02-2026 dated: 06.01.2025 at Sr. No. 15

Please read the due date as "18.02.2026" for the tender notice no S-01-2026 dated: 01.01.2026 at Sr. No. 03

Please read the due date as "09.02.2026" for the tender notice no S-67-2025 dated: 13.11.2025 at Sr. No. 629

Regarding detailed notice EMD, Purchase restrictions and detailed tender conditions, please visit website **www.ireps.gov.in** and **wr.indianrailways.gov.in** **1080**

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued **demand notices** to the borrower(s)/ Co-borrowers(s) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against the respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notices, along with future interest as applicable incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. incurred till the date of payment and/or realisation.

Sr. No.	Loan No.	Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	13(2) Notice Date/ Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on	Date/ Time & Type of Possession
1	**46459410001469 & 46459430000064**	**1) Mrs. Mangala V, 2) Mr. Subramanya, 3) Mr. Venkateshappa, S/o. Munishamappa**	**24.11.2025 Rs.8,70,924.89** (Rupees Eight Lakh Seventy Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Four and Eighty Nine Paisa Only) **due as on 17-11-2025** and interest thereon	**Date: 04-02-2026 Time: 05:10 P.M Symbolic Possession**
	Description of the Property: All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Property bearing Katha No.263, formed in and Situated at Bommenahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now comes under the jurisdiction of Mandur Grama Panchayath and **Bounded on the: East by:** House of Chikka Kalappa, **West by:** Site belongs to Bhagyamma, **North by:** Survey Number, **South by:** Road. Measuring 30 Ft. X 40 Ft.			
2	**47059440000162 & 47059410000621**	**1) Mr. Nagaraju G K/ Nagaraju K, 2) Mrs. Indramma N**	**24.11.2025 Rs.1,75,816.37** (Rupees One Lakh Seven Five Thousand Eight Hundred Sixteen and Thirty Seven Paisa Only) **due as on 20-11-2025** and interest thereon	**Date: 03.02.2026 Time: 05:20 PM Symbolic Possession**
	Description of the Property: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.97/80, PID No.152900200401400077 measuring East to West 12.192 meter and, North to South 18.288 meter situated at Muninagara Village, Kaggalahalli Grama Panchayath Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District and **Bounded on: East by:** Road, **West by:** Property belongs to Kullaiah, **North by:** Road, **South by:** House belongs to Chowdamma.			

Whereas the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the Borrower's mentioned herein above in particular and to the Public in general that the authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the properties/ secured assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned above. The Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors mentioned herein above in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/ Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/ Secured assets will be subject to the charge of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited.**

Place: Bangalore & Bangalore Rural
Date: 07.02.2026

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK (A Scheduled Commercial Bank)
Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, **Jana Small Finance Bank** under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) ("said Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("said Rules") issued a **demand notice dated 17.05.2025** calling upon the borrowersi.e., **1) Mrs. Ranjitha, 2) Mr. Venkatesh, against LAN No.47040430000038** the guarantors and the mortgagors to repay the amount, details of which are mentioned in the table below:

And whereas subsequently, **Jana Small Finance Bank** has vide Assignment Agreement dated 30.06.2025 assigned all its rights, title, interest and benefits in respect of the debts due and payable by the borrower/ guarantor(s)/ mortgagor(s) arising out of the facilities advanced by **Jana Small Finance Bank** to borrower/ guarantor(s) alongwith the underlying Immovable Property to **Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited acting in its capacity as Trustee of Arcil - Trust -2026 - 005 ("Arcil")** for the benefit of the holders of Security Receipts. Therefore, in view of the said assignment, **Arcil** now stands substituted in the place of **Jana Small Finance Bank** and **Arcil** shall be entitled to institute/continue all and any proceedings against the borrower/ guarantor(s)/ mortgagor(s) and to enforce the rights and benefits under the financial documents including the enforcement of guarantee and security interest executed and created by the borrower/ guarantor(s)/ mortgagor(s) for the financial facilities availed by them.

The borrower/ guarantor(s)/ mortgagor(s) having failed to repay the said amounts, notice is hereby given to the borrower/ guarantor(s)/ mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Arcil** has **taken possession** of the underlying Immovable Property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on **"AS IS WHERE IS & WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS"** on the date mentioned below.

Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Mortgagor/ Guarantor Name	Demand Notice	Possession Date
1) Mrs. Ranjitha, 2) Mr. Venkatesh	**Rs.4,46,898/-** (Rupees Four Lakh Forty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Eight Only) due **as on 15-05-2025** along with future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount with effect from **16.05.2025** together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. **Notice Dated: 17.05.2025**	**04.02.2026**

Description of Property: Property Details: All that piece and parcel of the Property No.152900202700320037 Khaneshwari No.31/13, measuring East to West 9.7536 meters and North to South 15.24 meters, situated at Margadayyana Gundi Village, Mullahalli Grama Panchayath, Uyyambhalli Hobali Kanakapura Block, Ramanagara District and **Bounded on: East by:** Dundumalashetti, **West by:** House belongs to Pavithra, **North by:** Remaining Property, **South by:** Road.

The borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned that **Arcil** is in **lawful possession** of the Immovable Property mentioned above and under Section 13(13) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, the borrower/ guarantor(s)/ mortgagor(s) or any person whatsoever, shall after receipt of this notice not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate the Immovable Property, without prior written consent of **Arcil** and any dealings with the Immovable Property will be subject to the charge of **Arcil** for the amount as mentioned above along with future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc.

The borrowers'/ guarantors'/ mortgagors' attention is invited to the provisions of the Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the said Act, in respect of time available to redeem the above mentioned Immovable Property.

Place: Ramanagara
Date: 07.02.2026

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited
Trustee of Arcil - Trust -2026 - 005 ("Arcil")

ASSET RECONSTRUCTION COMPANY (INDIA) LTD.
Registered Office: The Ruby, 10th Floor, 29 Senapati Bapat Marg, Dadar (W), Mumbai-400028.

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, **Jana Small Finance Bank** under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) ("said Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("said Rules") issued a **demand notice dated 17.05.2025** calling upon the borrowers i.e., **1) Mr. Siddaraju, 2) Mrs. Honnamma, against LAN No. 47059630001124** the guarantors and the mortgagors to repay the amount, details of which are mentioned in the table below:

And whereas subsequently, **Jana Small Finance Bank** has vide Assignment Agreement dated 30.06.2025 assigned all its rights, title, interest and benefits in respect of the debts due and payable by the borrower/ guarantor(s)/ mortgagor(s) arising out of the facilities advanced by **Jana Small Finance Bank** to borrower/ guarantor(s) alongwith the underlying Immovable Property to **Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited acting in its capacity as Trustee of Arcil - Trust -2026 - 005 ("Arcil")** for the benefit of the holders of Security Receipts. Therefore, in view of the said assignment, **Arcil** now stands substituted in the place of **Jana Small Finance Bank** and **Arcil** shall be entitled to institute/continue all and any proceedings against the borrower/ guarantor(s)/ mortgagor(s) and to enforce the rights and benefits under the financial documents including the enforcement of guarantee and security interest executed and created by the borrower/ guarantor(s)/ mortgagor(s) for the financial facilities availed by them.

The borrower/ guarantor(s)/ mortgagor(s) having failed to repay the said amounts, notice is hereby given to the borrower/ guarantor(s)/ mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Arcil** has **taken possession** of the underlying Immovable Property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on **"AS IS WHERE IS & WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS"** on the date mentioned below.

Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Mortgagor/ Guarantor Name	Demand Notice	Possession Date
1) Mr. Siddaraju, 2) Mrs. Honnamma	**Rs.4,11,952.78** (Rupees Four Lakh Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Two and Seventy Eight Paisa Only) due **as on 15-05-2025** along with future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount with effect from **16.05.2025** together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. **Notice Dated: 17.05.2025**	**04.02.2026**

Description of Property: Property Details: All that piece and parcel of the Property E-Khatha No. 152900201400800298, Khaneshumari No.36, measuring East to West 9.144 Meter and North to South 18.288, situated at Kallibheemasandra Village, Bheemasandra Dhakle, Dyavasandra Gram Panchayath, Harohalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District and **Bounded on: East by:** House belongs to Jayamma & Channappa, **West by:** House belongs to Byramma Thagadappa, **North by:** Property belongs to Ramanna, **South by:** Road.

The borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned that **Arcil** is in **lawful possession** of the Immovable Property mentioned above and under Section 13(13) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, the borrower/ guarantor(s)/ mortgagor(s) or any person whatsoever, shall after receipt of this notice not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate the Immovable Property, without prior written consent of **Arcil** and any dealings with the Immovable Property will be subject to the charge of **Arcil** for the amount as mentioned above along with future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc.

The borrowers'/ guarantors'/ mortgagors' attention is invited to the provisions of the Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the said Act, in respect of time available to redeem the above mentioned Immovable Property.

Place: Ramanagara
Date: 07.02.2026

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited
Trustee of Arcil - Trust -2026 - 005 ("Arcil")

ASSET RECONSTRUCTION COMPANY (INDIA) LTD.
Registered Office: The Ruby, 10th Floor, 29 Senapati Bapat Marg, Dadar (W), Mumbai-400028.

KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED

Registered Office: - Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd ,27 BKC, C 27, G-Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai 400051
Branch Office::- Kotak House, 2nd Floor,No 22, M G RoadBangalore

Demand Notice Under Section 13(2) Of The SARFAESI Act, 2002

You the below mentioned borrower and co-borrowers have availed loan(s) from bank/financial institution, more particular described hereunder by mortgaging your immovable properties(securities) and defaulted in repayment of the same. Consequent to your defaults, your loans were classified as non-performing assets and said loan accounts alongwith all rights, titles & interests, benefits dues receivables have been assigned in favour of Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited vide separate deeds of assignment mentioned hereunder, the bank has pursuant to the said assignment and for the recovery of the outstanding dues, issued demand notice under section 13(2) of the securitization and reconstruction of financial asset and enforcement of security interest act, 2002 (the act), the contents of which are being published herewith as per section 13(2) of the act read with rule 3(1) of the security interest (enforcement) rules, 2002 as and by way of alternate service upon you.

Name And Address Of The Borrower, Co-Borrowers, Loan Account No., Loan Amount	Details Of The Immoveable Property	1. Name of Lender 2. Date of Assignment 3. Demand Notice Date 4. Amount Due In Rs.
1. Oxy Tree Hotels Private LimitedThrough Its Directors At : Site No. 36, Khata No. 39/36, LRDE Employees Housing Co-Operative Society, Doddanekkundi Village, K R Pur, Bangalore, Karnataka-560037 **& 2. Akkiraju Siva PrasadS/O Akkiraju Sree Rama Raju & 3. Akkiraju Jhansi RaniW/O Akkiraju Siva Prasad, 2 & 3 At :** 1-10-82 & 82/1, Flat No.101, 1st Floor Dr. D V Subba Reddy Enclave, Ashok Nagar, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500029 **Loan Account Number :** 00700011244 **Loan Amount Sanctioned : Rs.18719001** (Rupees One Crore Eighty Seven Lakh Nineteen Thousand One Only)	All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Site No.36, New BBMP Katha No.39/36 at 'Karthik Nagar' the LRDE Employees' Housing Co-Operative Society's Layout, formed in Survey Nos.89/1, 89/2, 90/1-A, 90/1-B, 90/1-C, 90/2, 90/3, 90/4, 90/5, 92, 100/1, 100/2, 100/3, 100/4, 100/5 and 100/6 situated at "Kathik Nagar", Doddanekkundi Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now comes under Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Plaike Limits, Bangalore, North to South: 40 feet pr 12.2 mtrs. and East to West: 60 feet or 18.3 mtrs. totally measuring 2400 sq. ft. or 223 sq. mtrs. and bounded as: East: Site Nos.17 and 18, West: 30 ft. road (east parallel road), North: Site No.37 and South: Site No.35The Schedule property consists of a multi- storey building having super built up area of 2000 sq. ft. in Ground Floor with cement flooring reserved for car parking and 2000 sq. ft. in first floor, 2000 sq. ft. in second floor and 2000 sq. ft. in third floor, 2000 sq. ft. fourth floor, 2000 sq. ft. with RCC roofed building, constructed with brick and cement, vetrified tile flooring, hone wood doors and windows with all civic amenities Name of Mortgagor :Oxy Tree Hotels Pvt. Ltd. Reprsented by its Managing Director Sri Akkiraju Jhansi Rani	1.Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited (hereinafter referred as(PCHFL) 2.27.12.2024 3.15.09.2025 4. Rs.7189705.63 (Rupees Seventy One Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Five and Paise Sixty Three Only) Due And Payable As Of 12.08.2025 With Applicable Interest Until Payment In Full.
1. T.Radha S.Warrior W/O P.V.S Warrior At : Plot No.2, Seethappa Colony, New Thippasandra, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560075 **Loan Account Number :** 215BNG02542 **Loan Amount Sanctioned :** Rs.400000 (Rupees Four Lakh Only)	All that piece and parcel of the portion of property bearing old house list no. 104/2, New Bommanahali, CMC Khatha No. 328, Property No. 104/2 situated at Singasandra Village, Begaur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West 15 ft. North to South 70 Feet and bounded as here under: East: Remaining portion of same property no. 104/2, belonging to Janaki, West: Remaining portion of same property no. 104/2, Northern portion of House List Khatha No. 104/2, South: Road. **Name of Mortgagor :Mrs. T. Radha S. Warrior**	1.Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited (hereinafter referred as(PCHFL) 2.27.12.2024 3.17.09.2025 4. Rs.1652194.67 (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Fifty Two Thousand One Hundred Ninety Four and Paise Sixty Seven Only) Due And Payable As Of 20.08.2025With Applicable Interest Until Payment In Full.
1. Shishir SS/O Sudhindra Gudi & 2. Swetha M W/O Shishir Gudi, Both At : #1099, Parijatha, 20th Cross, 60 Feet Road, A Block Sahakara Nagar, Bengalore, Karnataka-560092 **Loan Account Number :** 00200006165 **Loan Amount Sanctioned : Rs.2278698** (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Eight Only)	All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No.55, Khata No.42/24/3, Old Property No.24/3, New Property No.60, situated at Seegehalli, K.R. Puram, Hobli, Bangalore, East Taluk, comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhath Banglore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Ward No.53, previously under the limits of K.R. Puram CMC, Bangalore, measuring East to West 40 ft. and North to South 30 ft., in all measuring 1200 sq. ft. and bounded as: East: Site No.56, West: Road, North: Site No.54, South: Private property. **Name of Mortgagor :Shishir Gudi**	1.Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited (hereinafter referred as(PCHFL) 2.27.12.2024 3.19.09.2025 4. Rs.4793504.38 (Rupees Forty Seven Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Five Hundred Four and Paise Thirty Eight Only) Due And Payable As Of 31.07.2025With Applicable Interest Until Payment In Full.
1. Mohammed Haseeb S/O Venkatesh Naidu & 2. Mrs. Kuthaijathul Kubra W/O Mohammed Haseeb, Both At : No 1, Lazar Road, Lazar Layout, Frazer Town, Opposite BSNL Telephone Becha Ngr,Bengaluru, Karnataka-560005 **Loan Account Number :** 12700002568 **Loan Amount Sanctioned : Rs.5205375** (Rupees Fifty Two Lakh Five Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Five Only)	All that piece and parcel of the Southern portion or property bearing Converted Sy.No.88, BBMP No.59/88/1, No.D.a.516/2013-14 earlier portion of BBMP Khatha No.59/88, No.DA/271/2013-14 Situated at Chokkanahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk converted from agriculture to residentially purpose vide ALN (NAY)SR:272/ and 273/2007-08 issued by Deputy Commissioner measuring Easter side 165 feet, Western side 170 feet, Northern side 111.2 feet, Southern side 111.8 feet (165+170) feet and 110+111.2)2 feet all measuring 18,592.5 Sq.feet and bounded on: East: Remaining property in the same Sy. No belongs to Raja & others; West: Remaining property in the same Sy. No belongs to Raja & others; North: Road South: Government Rock **Name of Mortgagor :Mohammed Haseeb**	1.Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited (hereinafter referred as (PCHFL) 2.27.12.2024 3.19.09.2025 4. Rs.9829974.50 (Rupees Ninety Eight Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Four and Paise Fifty Only) Due And Payable As Of 01.08.2025With Applicable Interest Until Payment In Full.
1. PRABHAW/O K.A. Udaykumar & 2. Udaykumat K A, Both At : No.27, 11th Cross, 3rd Main, Health Layout, Annapoorneshwari Nagar, Srigandhada Kaval, Bangalore-560091 **Loan Account Number :** 12700001164 **Loan Amount Sanctioned : Rs.2001840** (Rupees Twenty Lakh One Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Only)	**Item No.1:** All that piece and parcel of Site No.15, formed in s.no.27/9 (New No.27/16) situated at Srigandhakaval Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Talulk, measuring East to West:38 Ft., and North to South:28 Ft., totally measuring 1064 sq.ft. Property bounded as: East: Road, West: property of Doddaiah, North : site no.16 and south: Road **Item No.2:** All that piece and parcel of the Southern portion of Site No.16, formed in sy.no.27/9 (New No.27/16) situated at Srigandhakaval Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West:38 Ft. and North to South:133 Ft. totally measuring 494 sq.ft Property bounded as: East: Road, West: property of Doddaiah, North: Northern portion of site no.16, South: site no.15 **Name of Mortgagor :Prabha**	1.Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited (hereinafter referred as (PCHFL) 2.27.12.2024 3.19.09.2025 4. Rs.1609727.01 (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Seven and Paise One Only) Due And Payable As Of 01.08.2025With Applicable Interest Until Payment In Full.
1. Rajanidhi SS/O Steefan Pradhakrishnan At : Rajanna Building, Basaveshavara General Store, KR Puram, Bangalore, Karnataka-560016 **Loan Account Number : 21400043511 Loan Amount Sanctioned : Rs. 3021101** (Rupees Thirty Lakh Twenty One Thousand One Hundred One Only)	All that piece and parcel of Site No 33 Katha No 42 24 3, Old Property No 24 3 New Property No 60, Seegehalli K R Puram, Ward No. 53, measuring east to west 30 ft. and north to south 40 ft, in all measuring 1200 Sq.Ft. Bangaluru, Karnataka-560036 Bounded as: East: Site No. 32 West: Site No. 34North: Site No. 26 South: Road Name of **Mortgagor :Mr.Rajanidhi S**	1.Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited (hereinafter referred as(PCHFL) 2.27.12.2024 3.19.09.2025 4. Rs.7448029.25 (Rupees Seventy Four Lakh Forty Eight Thousand Twenty Nine and Paise Twenty Five Only) Due And Payable As Of 02.09.2025With Applicable Interest Until Payment In Full.
1. Neelamma Reddy W/O Muni Govinda Reddy& 2. Muni Govinda Reddy S/O Muni Reddy, Both At : NO.80/1, 6TH Main Road, Tata Silk Form,Basavanagu, I, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560028 **Loan Account Number : 214JAY31131 Loan Amount Sanctioned : Rs.7000000** (Rupees Seventy Lakh Only)	All that picce and parcel of northern portion of property bearing No.80/10[Old No.80], 3rd Cross, Tatasilk Farm Extension, Bangalore-560028 measuring North to South: 25 ft and East to West. 33 feet 6 inches and bounded on: East: Private Property West: Nagasandra Main Road North: Private Property South: Remaining portion of property No. 80/10 allotted to the share of second Defendant. **Name of Mortgagor :Mrs.Neelamma**	1.Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited (hereinafter referred as(PCHFL) 2.27.12.2024 3.19.09.2025 4. Rs.6662251.93 (Rupees Sixty Six Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Two Hundred Fifty One and Paise Ninety Three Only) Due And Payable As Of 02.09.2025With Applicable Interest Until Payment In Full.
1. M Ravi S/O B M Muniyappa & 2. Kiran Kumar B R S/O M Ravi, Both At : No 29, White City,Battarahalli, Virgonagar Post, Near Seegehalli Govt School,Bengaluru, Karnataka **Loan Account Number : 21400043724 Loan Amount Sanctioned : Rs.2617236** (Rupees Twenty Six Lakh Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Six Only)	All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Site No.63, Khatha No.42/24/3, Old Property No.24/3, New Property No.60, Situated at Seegehalli, K. R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Comes under the Jurisdiction of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Ward No.53, previously under the limits of K. R. Puram CMC, Bangalore,560068. Measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 Feet, in all measuring 1200 Square Feet and bounded on the: East: Site No.64, West: Road North: Site No.62, South: Private Property Name of Mortgagor :Mr.Kiran Kumar B R	1.Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited (hereinafter referred as(PCHFL) 2.27.12.2024 3.19.09.2025 4. Rs.6615987.41 (Rupees Sixty Six Lakh Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Seven and Paise Forty One Only) Due And Payable As Of 02.09.2025With Applicable Interest Until Payment In Full.
1. Mr Vivek Kumar Thakur S/ O Indra Nath Thakur & 2. Mrs Vishnu PriyaW/ O Mr Vivek Kumar Thakur, Both At : Plot No. 1, 2nd Floor, 1st Cross, R P R Layout, Ayyappa Nagar ,K R Puram, Opp To B P Petrol Pump, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560036 **Loan Account Number : 21400042768 Loan Amount Sanctioned : Rs. 13,86,190 /-** (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Eighty Six Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Only)	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being vacant residential Site bearing no. 31, situated in a layout named as Sizzle Gold Coast Plotted Layout in Block-4, bearing Khata/PID No. 151900802401201219, formed in converted Survey No. 8/.4, measuring 1 Acres 35 Guntas duly converted for non-agricultural resdential purpose vide conversion Order No. ALN. SR. 308/2014-15, dated: 12.05.2015, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, and Layout Plan approval from the Malur Town Planning Authority vide its No. 278/2016-17. dated: 26.05.2016 situtaed at Nachohalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District and measuring: East to West: 40 Feet, (12.192 Mtrs) North to South: 30 Feet, (9.144Mtrs) In Total measuring 1200 Square Feet, together with all rights, appurtances in whatsoever manner whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the: East by: Road, West by: Site No. 24, North by: Site No. 30 and South by: Road. Name of Mortgagor :Mr Vivek Kumar Thakur	1.Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited (hereinafter referred as(PCHFL) 2.27.12.2024 3.12.11.2025 4. Rs.590274.93 (Rupees Five Lakh Ninety Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Four and Paise Ninety Three Only) Due And Payable As Of 10.11.2025 With Applicable Interest Until Payment In Full.
1. Borole Vinayak Vijay At : Site No. H-12 (Southern Portion) Survey No. 25-B Nagasandra Village, Golden Village Layout, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore, Karnataka-560017 **Loan Account Number : 215BNG03724 Loan Amount Sanctioned : Rs.688000** (Rupees Six Lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Only)	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing part of site No. H-12 (Southern Portion), formed out of Survey No. 25, situated at Belur Nagasandra Village, Varathur Village Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West 60 Ft and North to South 15 Ft totally measuring 900 Sq. ft. out of 4800 Sq. ft. and both bounded on the: East: Site No. H-1, West: Road, North: Northern part of site no. H-12, South: Site No. H-13. Name of Mortgagor :Mr. Borole Vinayak Vijay	1.Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited (hereinafter referred as(PCHFL) 2.27.12.2024 3.17.09.2025 4. Rs.4059637.87 (Rupees Forty Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Seven and Paise Eighty Seven Only) Due And Payable As Of 20.08.2025With Applicable Interest Until Payment In Full.
1. Veena RamannaW/O K Vishnu Vardan & 2. Ramadevi HLW/O Krishnamurthy B.V, Both At : House No.288/18, 7th Cross, 1st Block, Jayanagar, Bengalore, Karnataka-560011 **Loan Account Number : 214JAY31897 Loan Amount Sanctioned : Rs.2545844** (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Forty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Four Only)	All that piece and parcel of House on Site No. 42 (New No. 28) out of V.P Khata No. 106 Houselist No. 128 situated at Shrinivagilu Village Begur Hobli Bengaluru South Taluk measuring East to West : 40 feet North to South 33 Feet in total 1320 Sq. feet and bounded on: East: Road, West: Private property, North:Site No. 41, South: Site No. 43. Name of Mortgagor :Mrs. Veena Ramanna	1.Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited (hereinafter referred as(PCHFL) 2.27.12.2024 3.17.09.2025 4. Rs.1087357.27 (Rupees Ten Lakh

RAICHUR POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(A JOINT VENTURE COMPANY OF KPCL- BHEL)
(YERMARUS THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN : U40101KA2009PLC049582

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

No: KPCL/2025-26/PM/WORK_INDENT3839/CALL-2 DTD 30.01.2026

RPCL is invited following tender from eligible contractors through KPP Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in for the works of **Servicing of Milling machines and Drilling machine of HMT make. Amount put to Tender Excluding GST :** Rs.6,03,000/- Lakhs. **EMD:** Rs.15100/-. Last date of receipt of tender: **10.02.2026 at 16:30 Hrs.** All relevant details are available in the above said e-Portal.

Further details can be obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer (M-1), RPCL, YTPS, Yeramarus-584134. Mobile: 9480682513. Email: eem3rpcl@gmail.com

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER, PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION, BHAWANIPATNA

Parmanandpur, Railway Station Road, Bhawanipatna,
Dist: Kalahandi, PIN -766002

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement
Identification No. ACEPHD-BHPT - 79 of 2025-26/ Dt. 03.02.2026

13001/31/2526 **e-Procurement Notice**

01	Name of the Work	:	1 no Work.
02	Type of Bid	:	Double Bid System
03	Approx. Estimated Cost	:	Rs. 227.10 lakhs
04	Period of Completion	:	1 (One) Calendar Months
05	Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal	:	From 11.00 AM of dt. 07.02.2026 to 5.00 PM of 21.02.2026
06	Last date / time of receipt of bids in the portal	:	5.00 PM of 21.02.2026
07	Date & Time of opening of technical bids	:	At 11.30 AM of 23.02.2026
08	Name and Address of the Officer Inviting Bid	:	Additional Chief Engineer, P.H. Division, Bhawanipatna, Railway Station Road, At/Po-Parmanandpur, 766002, Dist.- Kalahandi.

Further details can be seen from the website **http://tenders.ori.nic.in or www.tendersorissa.gov.in**

OIPR- 13001/13059/1/25-26/0031 **Sd/- Additional Chief Engineer, P.H. Division, Bhawanipatna**

Repco Home Finance Limited

CORPORATE OFFICE: Alexander Square, No. 2 (Old No. 34 & 35), 3rd Floor, Sardar Patel Road, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032 Ph: (044)-4210 6650

E - AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Sale of Immovable Properties Mortgaged to Repco Home Finance Ltd. Under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002

Whereas the following Borrowers and Co-Borrowers have borrowed monies from **Repco Home Finance Limited, Following Branches** and the details of the liability is furnished hereunder. Whereas the Company has issued Notice under SARFAESI ACT and the Authorised Officer has taken Possession of the mortgaged properties and issued a Notice on the dates mentioned below and the Company now has decided to sell the properties under Section 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, in **"As is where is condition" and "As is what is condition"**

DATE AND TIME OF E - AUCTION: 10.03.2026, 11.00 a.m – 12.00 Noon **(with unlimited auto extension of 5 minutes)**

Last Date & Time for submitting E-Tenders : 09.03.2026, 4.00 p.m.

BANGALORE BRANCH : Ph: 080-41233109, Mob: 93412 69752

S.No.1: Borrower: Mr.Dase Gowda, S/o.Mr.K.H.Govindaraju, **Co-Borrower: Mrs.Vijayalakshmi,** W/o.Mr.Dase Gowda & **Guarantor: Mr.K.G.Ravi Kumar,** S/o.Mr.K.G.Govindaraju; Demand Notice Date: **22.08.2024**; Amount claimed as per Demand Notice (Account Nos.**1121811002906 & 1121820002907**) being **₹12,70,330/- & ₹6,42,410/- as on 16.08.2024** together with further interest, costs and expenses; Possession Taken Date: **30.12.2024**; Present Outstanding Amount: **₹15,75,854/- & ₹8,36,033/- as on 29.01.2026.**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of Northern Portion of Property **Site No.5,** Formed in Survey No.63/9, Situated at **Chokkasandra Village, Yeshwanthapur Hobli, Bangalore North taluk,** and Presently property comes under the limits of **Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palika** (BBMP) Measuring: East to West: 44 Feet, North to South: (15+18)/2 Feet, Along with Building there on and bounded on: East by: Road, West by: Property No.12, North by: Property of Thimmakka, South by: Remaining Portion of T P Indira.

RESERVE PRICE ₹ 55,44,000/- EMD (10% of Reserve Price) ₹ 5,54,400/- Minimum Bid Increment Amount ₹ 75,000/-

ARB BANGALORE : Ph: 080-41233109, Mob: 98868 78838

S.No.2: Borrower: Mr.G.Srinivas, S/o.Mr.Gangappa, **Co-Borrowers: 1.Mrs.K.Shushilamma,** W/o.Mr.Gangappa, **2.Mrs.Vanajakshamma,** W/o.Mr.G.Srinivas and **Guarantor: Mr.Srinivas Murthy,** S/o.Late Venkatesh; Demand Notice Date: **31.07.2019**; Amount claimed as per Demand Notice (Account No. **258182000017 2**) being ₹ **12,30,285/- on 09.07.2019** together with further interest, costs and expenses; Possession Taken Date: **10.08.2020**; Present Outstanding Amount: **₹36,14,330/- as on 24.01.2026.**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Southern Half Portion of **Site No. 01,** out of Land Assessment No.78/4, situated at **Doddabidarakallu Village, Yeshwantpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk,** now within the limits of **BBMP, Bangalore,** measuring East to West 30 ft and North to South 22 ft **totally measuring 660 Sq.ft., along with building** thereon and bounded on the: East by: 05 x 20 ft Road and After My Remaining Property, West by: Site No. 02, North by: Northern Half Portion of Site No. 1, belongs to Byregowda, South by: Others Property.

RESERVE PRICE ₹ 31,41,000/- EMD (10% of Reserve Price) ₹ 3,14,100/- Minimum Bid Increment Amount ₹ 50,000/-

S.No.3: Borrower: Mr.M.Varadaraj, S/o.Mr.Muniyappa, **Co-Borrower: Mrs.R.Lakshmi,** W/o.Mr.M.Varadaraj & **Guarantor: Mr.K.N.Praveen Kumar,** S/o.Mr.Narayana Swamy; Demand Notice Date: **06.12.2018**; Amount claimed as per Demand Notice (Account No. **1121870002871 [New A/c No.2581870000259]** being ₹ **41,80,275/ as on 06.12.2018** together with further interest, costs and expenses; Possession Taken Date: **29.07.2019**; Present Outstanding Amount: **₹1,17,78,394/- as on 27.01.2026.**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of Property bearing **No.4A, in Land** Assessment No.48, situated at **Yelachenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk,** Now within the limits of BBMP, Bengaluru measuring East to West 32 ft, North to South 18 ft along with building constructed thereon and bounded on: East by: Road, West by: Property of Habeeb Khan, North by: Property of Shivanna, South by: Property No.4B belongs to Conductor Nagaraj

RESERVE PRICE ₹ 50,95,000/- EMD (10% of Reserve Price) ₹ 5,09,500/- Minimum Bid Increment Amount ₹ 50,000/-

S.No.4: Borrower: Mr.R.Narayana, S/o.Mr.Rame Gowda, **Co-Borrower: Mrs.N.Leela,** W/o.Mr.R.Narayana & **Guarantor: Mr.Ramakrishnaiah**; Demand Notice Date: **08.08.2019**; Amount claimed as per Demand Notice (Account No. **258187000325)** being ₹ **20,61,462/- on 08.08.2019** together with further interest, costs and expenses; Possession Taken Date: **12.08.2020**; Present Outstanding Amount: **₹55,25,958 /- as on 27.01.2026.**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Eastern Portion of **Site No.139,** out of land assessment No.20, Ward No.72, Situated at **Vigneshwara Nagara, Herohalli Village, Yeshwanthpur hobli, Bangalore North Taluk,** within the limit of BBMP. Measuring East to West 20 Ft and North to South 33 Ft **totally measuring 660 Sq. ft.** together with the building constructed Ground plus First Floor and bounded on: East by: By property No.140, West by: By remaining portion of the same property, North by: By Road, South by: By property No 146 and 147,

RESERVE PRICE ₹ 36,63,000/- EMD (10% of Reserve Price) ₹ 3,66,300/- Minimum Bid Increment Amount ₹ 50,000/-

S.No.5: Borrower: Mr.K.Ramesh, S/o.Mr.Kempaiah, **Co-Borrower: Mrs.Roopa,** W/o.Mr.K.Ramesh, and **Guarantor: Mrs.K.Anjali,** W/o.Late Krishnappa; Demand Notice Date: **22.07.2021**; Amount claimed as per Demand Notice (Account No. **258186000080 [Old Acc.No.1121860002713]** being ₹ **46,65,137/- as on 13.07.2021** together with further interest, costs and expenses; Possession Taken Date: **07.05.2022**; Present Outstanding Amount: **₹95,17,157/- as on 27.01.2026.**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing **Site No.14,** CMC Khatha No.1575, situated at **Attur Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk,** presently property comes under the limits of **Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) along with the building** constructed thereon. Measuring: East to West: 40 ft, North to South: 30 ft, Totally measuring: 1200 Sq.ft., And bounded on: East by: Site No.19, West by: 25 ft Road, North by: Site No. 15, South by: 30 ft Road

RESERVE PRICE ₹ 1,05,08,000/- EMD (10% of Reserve Price) ₹ 10,50,800/- Minimum Bid Increment Amount ₹ 1,00,000/-

ELECTRONIC CITY BRANCH : Ph: 080-25744066, Mob: 95133-59939

S.No.6: Borrower: Mrs.K.Savitha (Legal Heir of Co-Borrower Late. Mr.Manjunath) W/o.Mr.Manjunath. N, (Late), **Co-Borrowers: 1.Mr.Manjunath, (Deceased)** S/o.Narayana (Late), **2.Mr.M.Prajwal,** (Legal **Heir of Co-Borrower Late. Mr.Manjunath),** S/o.Mr.Manjunath.N and **Guarantor: Mr.N.Raju,** S/o.Mr.Narasappa; Demand Notice Date: **13.06.2025**; Amount claimed as per Demand Notice (Account No. **2391860000177 & 2391816000315)** being ₹ **25,15,250/- & ₹10,27,683/- respectively as on 06.06.2025** together with further interest, costs and expenses; Possession Taken Date: **19.11.2025**; Present Outstanding Amount: ₹ **24,55,365/- & ₹ 10,48,632/- respectively as on 23.01.2026.**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing western half portion of **Site No.66,** Katha No.5927, out of land bearing Asst. No.67/2 of **Andrahalli Village, Yeshwantpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk,** now within the limits of BBMP, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 25-0 feet, North to South 40-0 feet, **totally measuring 1000 sq.ft.,** and Bounded on the: East by: Remaining portion of Site No.66, West by: Road, North by: Road, South by: Site No.65.

RESERVE PRICE ₹ 93,50,000/- EMD (10% of Reserve Price) ₹ 9,35,000/- Minimum Bid Increment Amount ₹ 1,00,000/-

PEENYA BRANCH : Ph: 080-23726789, Mob: 99163-06688

S.No.7: Borrower: Mr.Charlie Richard, S/o. Mr.A.Rayappan, **Co-Borrower: Mrs.A.Anitha May,** W/o.Mr.Charlie Richard and **Guarantor: Mr.Benno Arockia Doss,** S/o.Mr.Arockia Doss; Demand Notice Date: **23.04.2025**; Amount claimed as per Demand Notice (Account No. **212181100034 5 & 2121860000355)** being ₹ **13,78,016/- & ₹ 2,41,948/- as on 21.04.2025** together respectively with further interest, costs and expenses; Possession Taken Date: **28.11.2025**; Present Outstanding Amount: ₹ **13,66,504/- & ₹ 2,02,002/- as on 23.01.2026.**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of western portion of property bearing **Site.No.14,** formed in **Property No.12,** Khata.No.1899, situated at **Horamavu Agara village, KR.puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk,** presently property comes under the limits of Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara palike (BBMP) Measuring: East to West : 20 feet, North to South : 30 feet, **Totally measuring 600 Sq.feet** along with building to be constructed thereon and bounded on East by: Remaining portion of same Site No.14, West by : Site No.15, North by: Private property, South by: 25 feet Road.

RESERVE PRICE ₹ 50,31,000/- EMD (10% of Reserve Price) ₹ 5,03,100/- Minimum Bid Increment Amount ₹ 50,000/-

For E – Auction procedure, please contact for S.No.1, 3, 4, 6 & 7: M/s.4Closure, Mr.Arun Raj-81420 00066, 81420 00735 & 81420 00062, S.No.2 & 5: M/s. C1 India Pvt. Ltd., Mr.Prabakaran – 74182 81709.

For inspection of the properties the intending bidders may contact the Branch Head, Repco Home Finance Limited, Respective Branches on all working days between 10 a.m & 5 p.m.

Date: 27.01.2026 / 28.01.2026 / 31.01.2026 Authorised Officer, Repco Home Finance Limited

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
U.R. RAO SATELLITE CENTRE
CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP
HAL Old Airport Road, Bangalore - 560 017
(Phone: 080 25084156, 4184)

CORRIGENDUM - I

Sl.No	Description	Details
1	Name of work	Modification to Audio & Video Studio at Main Building, Main Campus, URSC – Civil Work including Acoustic & Lighting Design.
2	E-Tender Notice No.	URSC/C&MG/C/M/34/2025-26 dated: 16/01/2026
3	Estimated cost put to tender	₹ 13.28 Lakhs
4	Period during which the tender document can be downloaded.	Extended upto 16.30 hrs on 17/02/2026
5	Last date and time for receipt of tenders	Up to 14.30 hrs. on 20/02/2026
6	Due date and time of opening of tenders	After 14.31 hrs on 20/02/2026

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details along with Hindi version in website: **www.isro.gov.in** and download the tender documents from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**.

Sd/-, Group Director, C&MG

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "e"-PROCUREMENT NOTICE
WORKS DEPARTMENT

34001/30/2526 **E-mail: ceroads.bbsr@gmail.com**

Bid Identification No. CE-Roads-I-21/2025-26

1. The Engineer-in-Chief (Civil), Roads-I, Odisha on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bids in double cover system through ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for Roadwork as mentioned below:

2.	Nature of work	:	Road works
3.	No. of work	:	2 Nos.
4.	Tender Paper cost	:	Rs.10,000.00
5.	Class of Contractor	:	'A' Class/Special Class
6.	Available of bid document the website	:	From 10.00 A.M. of 16.02.2026 to 5.30 PM of 05.03.2026
7.	Date of opening of Bid	:	Dt.06.03.2026 at 11.30 A.M.

8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: https://tenderodisha.gov.in . Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

OIPR- 34001/34001/1/25-26/0030 **Sd/- Engineer-in-Chief (Civil), Roads-I, Odisha**

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Authorised Officer's Details:
Name : Smt. M. Jayalakshmi, Chief Manager
E-mail ID: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in
Mobile No: +91 9945143159
Landline No. (Office): 080-2594 3663

Address of the Branch :
STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH
 # 11/90, 3rd Floor, Opp. Trust well Hospital, J C Road, Bengaluru - 560002. Ph : 080-2594 3678, 2594 3663, Email Id : sbi.05173@sbi.co.in

APPENDIX IV-A [See proviso to Rule 8(6)]
e-Auction on 26.02.2026
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Property (excluding movables, if any, lying in the premises) under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and the Borrower/Mortgagors in particular that the below described movable and immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, Bengaluru, the actual Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on **26.02.2026** for recovery of **Rs. 2,41,24,035/-** (Two Crores Forty One Lakh Twenty Four Thousand Thirty Five only) as on 05.02.2026 and further interest from 06.02.2026 at contractual rate with incidental expenses + costs, charges etc., due to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India from **the Borrower: Shri. Vijay P and M/s. Timala Motors, (For A/c Nos.35176519935 & 41312470365).**

The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Bid increment amount and time of e-auction and last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents for immovable property to be sold will be as under:

Reserve Price (Below which the properties will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment Amount	Date & Time of e-Auction of Property	Last Date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
Rs. 1,35,00,000/-	Rs. 13,50,000/-	Rs. 1,00,000/-	26.02.2026, 11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.	on or before 25.02.2026 Up to 04.00 p.m.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

TENDER NO. SBI/SARB/SBIN200016371952/2025-26/192

SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of residentially converted lands totally measuring 14,623 Sq. feet in Survey No. 38 of Kothihosahalli Village in Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore and bearing BBMP Khata No. 724/38, 2 & 3, 4 & 5 of Sahakara Nagar, Bangalore 560092. Converted vide Deputy Commissioner's Order No. B.Dis.ALS.SR(N)140/1991-92 and dated 24.03.1992 and the property is **bounded as under: East by:** NTI Layout, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Property of BM Reddy, **South by :** Private Property.

SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY: 720 Sq. feet undivided share of land rights, title, interest in the Schedule A Property

SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of Flat bearing No. 1004 & 1005, on the Ground Floor, having a super built up area of 2,936 Sq. feet, in an Apartment building known as "R R LIVINGSTON", consisting of Four Bedrooms, living hall, dining hall, kitchen, with vitrified flooring, with sal wood used for preparation of doors frames and UPVC windows constructed on the Schedule A Property and Two covered car parking area in the basement floor, together with a proportionate share in common areas of such passages, lobbies, two lifts, stare case and other areas of common use, standing in the name of Sri. Vijay P S/o Late Paul D'Souza and **bounded on : East by :** Open Space, **West by :** Open Space, **North by :** Flat No. 1003 & 1006, **South by :** Open Space.

Statutory 15 Days Sale Notice Under "Sarfaesi" Act, 2002. : The Borrower/Mortgagor is hereby noticed to pay the sum mentioned above within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which the Bank shall sell the properties as per the provisions laid down in the Sarfaesi Act, 2002.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the links provided by the Secured Creditor represented by the Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, SARB, Bengaluru ie., **1) https://baanknet.com, www.sbi.co.in**

For further details regarding inspection of the properties the intending bidder may contact the Authorised Officer as mentioned above or Bank's Approved Resolution Agent Mr. Manohar V Mob No: 7353931866

To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said properties.

Date: 05.02.2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place: Bengaluru State Bank of India, SARB, Bangalore

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Authorised Officer's Details :
Name : Sri. Nagaraja.V
E-mail ID : sbi.05173@sbi.co.in
Mobile No. : 9448441455
Landline No. (Office) : 080-25943663

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APPENDIX-IV A
[See proviso to Rule 8(6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSET UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO TO RULE 8(6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the Public in general and the Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgager in particular that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, **State Bank of India, Physical Possession** of which has been taken by the **Authorised Officer of the Bank,** will be sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS","AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS" basis on 26.02.2026 for recovery of Rs. 3,78,72,523/- (Rupees Three Crore Seventy Eight Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Three Only) as on 04.02.2026** and **interest from 05.02.2026** with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. due to the **State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru** from Borrowers : **M/s. ULTRA THE S'TILE STUDIO represented by its Partners (1) Sri. Bharat K Doshi S/o. Sri. Kantilal G Doshi and (2) Smt. Tejal B Doshi W/o. Sri. Bharat K Doshi and Guarantors (1) Sri. Bharat K Doshi S/o. Sri. Kantilal G Doshi and (2) Smt. Tejal B Doshi W/o. Sri. Bharat K Doshi.**

The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), Bid increment amount and time of e-auction and last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents for immovable properties to be sold will be as under :

Reserve Price (Below which the properties will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid Increment Amount	Date and Time of e-Auction of property	Last Date for submission of EMD along with KYC Documents
Rs. 1,12,00,000/-	Rs. 11,20,000/-	Rs. 50,000/-	26.02.2026 11:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M	On or before 25.02.2026 up to 05.00 P.M

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTIES

PROPERTY NO.1

TENDER NO : SBI/SARB/NV/JR/2025-26/188
Property ID : SBIN200061542094

SCHEDULE A PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residentially Converted Land being portion of Survey No. 29/2A, Measuring 2 Acres 19.64 Guntas and Survey No. 29/2B, Measuring 10.64 Guntas, Both Situated in Jaraganahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Measuring together approximately 2 Acres 30.28 Guntas (1,20,094 Sq. feet) and bounded on : **East by :** Kanakapura Main Road and the House Property belonging to Lakshminarayana Reddy and Plots belonging to Appanna Reddy and Narayanaswamy Reddy. **West by :** Private Property belonging to M/s. Gopalan Enterprises, **North by :** Land bearing Survey No. 29/1 belonging to M/s. Gopalan Enterprises, **South by :** Remaining portion of Survey No. 29/2A and 29/2B belonging to **Lakshminarayana Reddy and Others.**

SCHEDULE B PROPERTY

An undivided 0.509% share (Zero Point Five Zero Nine percent) share (equivalent to 611.40 Square Feet) in the land comprised in the Schedule A Property.

SCHEDULE C PROPERTY

A Three Bedroom Apartment with Vitrified Flooring with Honne Wood Flush Doors & Aluminium Windows bearing **No. 404** on the Fourth Floor, in the "BA" Block, of the Multi-storeyed Building known as **"PURVA BELMONT"** Constructed in the Schedule A Property with a super built up area of **1,464 Sq.Feet** (i.e., built up area of 1183.07 Sq.Feet and Common area of 280.93 Sq.Feet) together with a **Covered Car Parking Space,** Standing in the Name of **Sri. Bharat K Doshi S/o. Sri. Kantilal G Doshi.**

15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER "SARFAESI" ACT, 2002

The Borrowers / Mortgagor is hereby noticed to pay the sum mentioned above within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which the Bank shall sell the properties as per the provisions laid down in the SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the links provided by the Secured Creditor represented by the Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, SARB, Bengaluru i.e., **http://www.baanknet.com.**

For further details regarding inspection of the properties the intending bidder may contact the Authorised Officer as mentioned above or Bank's Approved Resolution Agent, **M/s. Sri Devi Resolutions Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore Representative: Sri. Chayapathy, Cell No. 9901902500.** To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said property .

To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said properties.

Sd/-
Authorised Officer & Chief Manager,
State Bank of India,
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch,
Bengaluru.

Date : 05.02.2026
Place : Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sri.Goparam has lost/misplaced the original registered License & Sale Agreement dated:17.06.2019, which is registered as Document No.BDA-1-01355-2019-20 in the office of the Additional District Registrar, Bengaluru District in respect of the immovable property bearing Site No.931, situated at Sector-'C', 8th Block, Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout (Sy.No.8 of Sulikere Village), Bengaluru.

If any person/persons find the aforesaid original document, you are hereby requested and called upon to hand over the same to the below mentioned address **within 7 days** from the date of this notification and oblige.

H.S. SOMNATH, Advocate
No.GF-4, Ground Floor, "Sampurna Chambers", No.13, Vasavi Temple Road, V.V.Puram, Bengaluru-560 004
Ph: +91 98452 76908. Date: 06-02-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to general public that my client, **Smt. Rekha N,** aged about 44 years, wife of Sanjaya K.N., residing at Flat No. 311, Plot No. 10/1, VSPL Crescent Apartment, Pipeline Road, near Shell Petrol Bunk, Raghavendra Rao Road, Yeshwanthapura, Bengaluru – 560022, is the absolute owner, in peaceful possession and enjoyment, of the immovable property bearing **Site No. 73, Khatha No. 480/16/73,** situate within the limits of Madanayakanahalli Grama Panchayath, earlier known as Lakshmipura Gramathana No. 16, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet, in all measuring 1,200 square feet (hereinafter referred to as the "Schedule Property").

My client had entered into an unregistered Agreement of Sale dated 03-12-2025 with **Smt. Sharanya.S,** W/o Rajesh.K, residing at no.09, 2nd cross, Muneshwara Block, APEX Bank, Malleshwaram, Bangalore North, Bangalore – 560 003 in respect of the Schedule Property. As per the terms of the said Agreement of Sale, the transaction was required to be completed within a period of two months from the date of execution, i.e., on or before 04-02-2026. However, Smt. Sharanya, has failed to perform her contractual obligations within the stipulated time and has thereby committed breach of the terms of the Agreement.

In view of the aforesaid breach, my client hereby **terminates and cancels** the unregistered Agreement of Sale dated 03/12/2025 with immediate effect Smt. Sharada shall have no right, title, claim, or interest of any nature whatsoever over the Schedule Property by virtue of the said Agreement.

RABIYA KHANUM .L, Advocate
Office at no. 31, 1st floor , Grand Majestic Mall, Gandhinagar 2nd cross, Opp Gubbi Veeranna theatre, Bangalore-560 009
Mobile no 73497 30607
Email-rkadvocate786@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby Informed to General public that **Smt. Prabhavathi,** W/o. Sri. B S Kumar, Aged about 54 years, R/at No.07, 2nd floor, 8th cross, Hosakere Halli Main Road, Ganapathi Nagar, Byatarayanapura, Bangalore-560026 has availed the loan from State bank of India, Arishinakunte Branch, Nelamangala by depositing the Original title deeds with the Bank, in respect of the below Mentioned property. It is informed that Original sale deed dated: 08.09.2011 registered as Document No.NMG-1-04320/2011-12, Book-I, stored in C.D.No. NMGD189, dated: 09.09.2011, registered in the office of Sub-Registrar, Nelamangala which have been lost/misplaced, and not traceable in the above mentioned Branch. And also lodged a police complaint No.2048448/2026, dated:06.02.2026, before Commissioner, Bangalore city Police, in respect of misplaced/loss of above mentioned Original sale deed of the Schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Vacant site No.191, Having Katha No.241,formed in Sy No.84, measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 Feet in all measuring 1200 Sq.Ft. Situated at "BRINDAVAN LAYOUT", Arishinakunte Village. Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, & bounded on :

East by : Site No.160
West by : 30 ft wide Road
North by : Site No.192
South by : Site No.190

Any person/s having objections or claims. Shall with documentary evidence lodge their objections/claim to the above said Branch or to the address below mentioned within 15 days from the date of this Notice. Persons finding the above title deeds may kindly return the same to the under signed and if any objections in this regard may contact the undersigned, failing which the above mentioned Branch shall proceed with the further transaction.

Yours Cordially
Address:- Branch Manager State bank of India Arishinakunte Branch Nelamangala Taluk Bangalore Rural District-562123

KSEB KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED - E-TENDER NOTICE

O/o the Deputy Chief Engineer, TransGrid (South), Kalamassery, Ernakulam.
E-Tender ID No.2026_KSEB_831920
PAC:Rs. Rs.2,78,86,472/-; Last Date: 02.03.2026 02.00 pm
O/o the Chief Engineer (S.C.M) & C.S.C, Vydyuthi Bhavanam, Thiruvananthapuram
E-Tender ID No.2026_KSEB_833247_1
PAC:Rs.1,14,58,08,431/-; Last Date: 02.03.2026 03.00 pm
CORRIGENDUM
O/o the Executive Engineer, Transmission Division, Vydyuthi Bhavanam, Alappuzha.
E-Tender ID No.2026_KSEB_824782_1
PAC:Rs.2,09,68,533/-; Last Date: 16.02.2026 03.00 pm
Visit www.etenders.kerala.gov.in and www.kseb.in Ref : PR/MC1/E599 - E-tender/2026

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No: CEE/BGKT/Tr(Op)Z/EE(C)/AEE(C)/2025-26/18713-19 Date: 05.02.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPPP mode only)

KPTCL invites Tender for the following Work.

Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT3287

Tender for Conducting detailed survey using modern survey techniques for vertical ground clearance / strengthening of line by stringing of 110kV 2nd Circuit on vacant cross arms of 110kV DC Towers along with providing intermediate towers along from 220kV Ghataprabha sub-station to 110kV Nehrunagar sub-station for a distance of 57.97 Km and construction of 110kV Terminal Bays at both ends in Belagavi and Gokak Taluk, in Operation Division Belagavi. The tender will be received through "KPP Portal" only. The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "E Procurement KPTCL" or to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after Date. **07.02.2026, 4.30 pm.** Further details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Ele), Transmission (Operations) Zone, KPTCL, Near Sector No.45, Navanagar, Bagalkote-587103.

THE CITIZEN CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

No.651/A, 1st Main Road, 'D' Block, 2nd Satge, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar, Bangalore - 560010.Phone : 080 - 2332 1923, 2332 8735, 2352 0466
E-mailL citizenbk@rediffmail.com

POSSESSION NOTICE See Rule - 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Where as The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **The Citizen Co-op Bank Ltd.,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 has issued a Demand Notices calling upon the Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned In the notice within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on below mentioned dates.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **The Citizen Co-Op Bank Ltd., Rajajinagar, Bangalore,** for an amount interest and Other Charges mentioned below.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

1. Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: (1) Mr. Krishna Murthy G, residing at : No.35/1, 2nd Cross, 4th Block, 3rd Stage, MT Layout Society, Basaveshwara Nagara, Bangalore-560079.

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs. 1,40,98,910/- (Rupees One Crore Forty Lakhs Ninety Eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Ten Only) as on **19.11.2025** and interest thereon.

Demand Notice Dated : 01.12.2025 Possession Notice Date: 05.02.2026

Description of the Immovable Property: All that part and parcel of Property bearing No. 35, Survey No. 196, Situated at 2nd Cross, The Malleswaram Tailoring House Building Co-Operative Society Layout, Laggere Presently bearing No. 35/37-1, situated at BBMP Ward No. 16, Kamalanagara, Bangalore with PID No. 34-35/37-1, Bangalore. Measuring East to West: 50'-0" feet and North to South on Eastern Side-25 feet on Western side 28-0" feet totally measuring 1325 sq. feet. With Construction building thereon and bounded on the following boundaries: East: Property No. 1, West: Road, North: Property. 34, South: Remaining portion of Property No. 35.

2. Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: (1) Mr. Shamsheer Baig S S/o Sabanu Baig, **(2) Mr. Yasmeen Taj** W/o Shamsheer Baig S, **(3) Mr. Kalandar Baig** S/o Shamsheer Baig S, **(4) Mr. Ifran Baig** S/o Shamsheer Baig S, **All are residing at :** No.79, 2nd Cross, 2nd Stage, Kamataka Layout, Basaveshwara Nagara, Bangalore-560079.

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs.1,26,77,224/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Six Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty Four Only) as on **19.11.2025** and interest thereon.

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EDITORIAL

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— Ramnath Goenka

RBI NEEDS TO ENSURE LENDING RATES REMAIN IN RANGE NEXT FISCAL

AS widely expected, the RBI kept the key benchmark interest rates unchanged on Friday. Apart from an obvious signal for a prolonged pause, some fear that the scope for further cuts has shrunk more than imagined earlier. With inflation expected to shoot up next fiscal owing to normalisation of food prices and adverse base effects, only a shock to the growth-inflation balance may prompt the Monetary Policy Committee to cut the repo rate from the current 5.25 percent. Given the favourable growth outlook supported by a series of trade pacts and easing inflation, the RBI firmly believes the current rate is just what is needed for the economy for now.

However, industry thinks otherwise. It reasons that high borrowing costs are choking enterprises, particularly smaller ones, and an immediate 0.25 percentage-point cut would ease the effective lending rate from 14-16 percent now to 13-15 percent. Without rate relief, capital expenditure and trade finance remain constrained, hurting growth and preventing businesses from tapping global export opportunities.

While the central bank refrained from giving fresh growth and inflation forecasts until April, by when the new data series will be published, projections for the first two quarters of the next fiscal are not quite uplifting. Though Governor Sanjay Malhotra insisted that India is in a sweet spot, the first two quarters' growth estimates are at 6.9 percent and 7 percent, and the inflation forecasts were raised to 4 percent and 4.25 percent. If inflation breaches the RBI's 4 percent target in 2026-27, real interest rates will be above neutral. As it is, with supply outstripping demand, bond yields are hardening, while call rates are trading below the overnight repo rate, unsettling the RBI, which prefers the policy rate to transmit uniformly. That said, Malhotra repeatedly emphasised that the government's net borrowings next fiscal were barely ₹20,000 crore higher than in this one, which the central bank can comfortably manage.

As for liquidity, the RBI vowed to stay proactive and ensure ample levels at all times. Last year, the central bank had to step in to alleviate pressure on systemic liquidity, thanks to foreign capital outflows and a large government bond supply. Given the prevailing global financial market volatility, the central bank will have to support durable systemic liquidity to ease funding pressures, improve money market conditions, facilitate further monetary policy transmission and soften bond yields to ensure that lending rates remain range-bound.

WORK ON GANDHI'S VISION, STOP TUSSLE OVER BRAND

THE Karnataka government recently called a legislative session to specifically debate the repeal of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, setting the stage for a tussle over the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi and his vision for India. Having begun on a sour note after Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot declined to read the speech drafted by the government, the debate was fired up by a government advertisement depicting Bapuji in an imagined conversation with a man called Sanghappa, an oblique reference to the RSS, on the VB-G RAM G Act. The Congress has been demanding the new law's scrapping, terming it "a death knell for gram panchayats". The session discussed the drawbacks of the new scheme, including the change in the Centre-state fund sharing ratio and reduced powers of panchayats. Karnataka has 1.8 crore MGNREGA workers out of the nation's total of 28 crore, more than half of them women and about 30 percent Dalits and Adivasis. The state's workers have petitioned President Droupadi Murmu to withdraw VB-G GRAM G and bring back the old scheme.

But the larger contention is over Brand Gandhi. The Congress, seeking to establish itself as the Mahatma's original legatee, has resorted to symbolism and advised Karnataka government employees to wear khadi on one Saturday every month. It also proposes to prefix all gram panchayats with 'Gandhi'. Not to be outdone, the BJP and JD(S) have portrayed Gandhi as a nationalist who wanted to establish a Ram Rajya. This Gandhi-versus-Gandhi narrative recently played out in parliament too, where the Congress leadership's use of the surname and the party's overuse of it in naming projects over 70 years were called into question by BJP leaders along with other aspects of the Nehru-Gandhi family's history.

Sensing the enduring strength of Brand Gandhi, the BJP, even while associating with his killer Nathuram Godse, does not want the Congress to appropriate his entire legacy. Gandhi as an icon provides credibility at home and on global platforms too. The BJP realises it cannot diminish Bapuji as an apostle of ahimsa. Whether Gandhi was committed to Ram Rajya or Gram Rajya, political parties should stop squabbling over his name and bring the nation back to the framework of his vision—a non-violent and inclusive State that focuses on the welfare of the most marginalised sections.

QUICK TAKE

BEYOND LIP SERVICE

AT a time trafficking and marriage of underage girls are reported to be on the rise again, it emerges that the government has gutted funding for one of the most successful campaigns by almost a third. Numbers shared in the Lok Sabha on Friday showed that funds allocated for the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme fell to ₹33 crore in 2024-25 from ₹92 crore in 2022-23. The latest National Family Health Survey's finding that almost a quarter of women were married off before 18 makes the government's promise to rid India of child marriage by 2030 all that more difficult. But, as the Supreme Court observed last December, a failure on this ground "strikes at the very foundations of... the State's constitutional promise of protection to every child".

President's rule is not good for resolving conflicts. The choice of the first five cabinet ministers in the state's new government reflects its delicate ethnic and political balance

TENTATIVE STEPS OUT OF MANIPUR'S WAR ON QUICKSAND

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A popular government has been installed in Manipur nine days ahead of the completion of a year of President's rule in the state. Saved in the process was an imminent dissolution of the 12th Manipur legislative assembly, for it is unlikely that an extension of the 'suspended animation' that the assembly had been put under since February 13, 2025 would have been approved by Parliament even if President's rule had to be extended.

A decision to extend the President's rule beyond a year would have invited constitutional complications. The 44th amendment enacted in 1978—which curbed the powers given to the President by the Emergency-era 38th amendment in respect to the use of Articles 356 and 352—predicates this. President's rule now can be extended beyond a year only in the event of an armed rebellion or a report confirming infeasibility of fresh elections by the Election Commission of India.

On February 4, after a seemingly desperate conclave of all BJP legislators from Manipur at the BJP head office in New Delhi, moderated and supervised by BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh and national spokesperson and Northeast coordinator Sambit Patra, a consensus was reached on who should lead the next government once the assembly was resuscitated out of its coma.

Yumnam Khemchand Singh emerged as the choice, and with him four others were agreed to be put on the first list to be sworn in as cabinet ministers. From the choice of MLAs for the new cabinet, the delicate but inevitable ethnic and party balancing act in Manipur's current volatile situation is evident.

The chief minister, a Meitei, is to have two deputy chief ministers: Nemcha Kipgen, a Kuki, and Losii Dikho, a Naga. Again, while Khemchand and Nemcha are from the BJP, Losii is from the Naga People's Front, a BJP ally with five MLAs.

Of the two other MLAs awarded cabinet berths, one is Khuraijam Loken Singh of the National People's Party, another BJP ally with six MLAs. The other is Govindas Konthoujam, also from the BJP. This importance given to allies, although the BJP commands a comfortable majority in the House with 37 MLAs in the 60-member assembly, is probably a precautionary measure in case of rebellions within the party.

By the ceiling on cabinet size introduced by the 91st constitutional amendment in 2003, Manipur can have a 12-member council of ministers including the chief minister. With five already distributed, there are seven seats left to be announced, which can be as much a cause for problems or levers for their solutions later.

After their meeting in Delhi, most of the MLAs rushed back to Imphal. By 4 pm, Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla declared the President's rule lifted and soon Khemchand visited him to stake claim to form the next government. By 6 pm, the swearing-in ceremony was underway at Lok Bhavan, Imphal. Four of the new cabinet members took their oaths of office and secrecy in person, while the fifth, Nemcha Kipgen, did so online from Manipur Bhavan in New Delhi.

Two other Kuki-Zo MLAs, Ngursanglur Sanate of the BJP and L M Khaute of the Janata Dal (United), were also present in Imphal for the swearing-in, indicating that apart from the message that ethnic tensions have been defused in Imphal, they could also be inducted into the cabinet if and when there is a next expansion.

Khemchand won the race because of several factors. One of them is the courage he had shown on December 8 to make a surprise visit to a camp for internally displaced Kuki people at Litan on a trip to Ukhrul, to convey his Christmas wishes of peace and reconciliation, warming many hearts. Therefore, he probably received nods even from his Kuki-Zo colleagues.

Again, the transparency with which he invested his local area development funds as an MLA during both his terms won wide admiration, even of his rivals, though grudgingly. Lastly, he is an unabashed affiliate of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, and therefore had powerful backers.

There are two probable reasons behind the need felt in the BJP camp to revive the current assembly. The more charitable among these is a realisation that a President's rule has limitations in conflict resolution beyond a certain point. In the routine businesses of governance, such as upkeep of law-and-order, running of public services and implementation of projects, the bureaucrat-run governance of a President's rule can be excellent. However, in any conflict resolution effort—where the last mile in the long trek calls for intimate understanding and familiarity with local communities, their leaders and organisations, so as to be able to motivate them to sit across the negotiating table—popularly elected leaders become vital.

The other probable reason for the rush is electoral calculus. The Manipur assembly elections are due one year later in February 2027. The BJP would obviously want to have the advantage of going to the polls as the ruling party. The harsh lesson of the 2024 Lok Sabha election, in which the BJP lost both the state's seats, would be still haunting it. The fact that the five MLAs of the Congress have been calling for dissolution of the assembly and fresh elections give further credence to this speculation.

All said, seen purely from the standpoint of a possible way forward from the depressing ethnic crisis the state has been thrown into for nearly three years, it is difficult not to see the revival of a popular government as a positive move.

But, as always, prolonged conflicts spawn entrenched interests in the conflict itself, who begin to see the conflict as a market to bargain for gains, as Paul Collier noted in his 2003 report titled, '*Breaking the Conflict Trap: Civil War and Development Policy*'.

This is regardless of the realisation that Manipur is multi-ethnic and a resolution to the present conflict cannot be reduced to a bilateral settlement between the Meiteis and the Kuki-Zos. The Nagas in particular have made this clear with words and actions in recent times. Not taking cognisance of this reality and refusing to look for a peaceful negotiated settlement can only perpetuate what, in effect, has proved to be a war on quicksand.

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THE DOOMSDAY CLOCK TICKS ON

HAD the polar chill eased its grip on America's eastern seaboard and if a hydrogen leak had not intervened, Artemis II would have lifted off from Cape Canaveral, US this weekend to put four-member crew in orbit around the moon, a preliminary step to putting astronauts on the lunar surface. The serially-delayed Artemis mission has now been pushed to March. But there is no sense of disappointment in the space industry, the US government or enthusiasts worldwide. What does this signal?

Apollo 11, which put the first men on the moon in 1969, was a mission driven by Cold War rivalry. The space race was on, the USSR had put a dog, a man and a woman in orbit, and the US needed to pull a more dramatic stunt. Such a sense of urgency is missing today in a project that initially was to take flight in November 2024.

Perhaps it's because space is no longer a State monopoly and its role as a marker of national prowess is diluted. Perhaps the US doesn't believe it is in a contest, or feels it has anything to prove. That is what the present administration in Washington had said when it sought election, before it became embroiled in tariff wars and other shows of strength.

But there's the human factor: what do the majority expect from a moonshot when things are falling apart? Days before the Artemis II launch was deferred, the Doomsday Clock was set forward to 85 seconds to midnight—the closest it has ever been to that hour. The clock, created by the scientists who built the first nuclear weapons, is a visual expression of the proximity of the human race to self-annihilation, graphically represented by the clock striking midnight. In 2025, it was set to 89 seconds to midnight as "national leaders and their societies" had failed to change course away from the precipice.

The Doomsday Clock was originally set to seven minutes to midnight in 1947, after World War 2 was ended by nuclear bombings and the colonial era began to unravel. It was advanced to three minutes to midnight in 1949, when the USSR tested its first atom bomb at Semipalatinsk, and it held steady in 1950 despite the Korean War. It was advanced by a minute in 1953, after the US tested a hydrogen bomb at Bikini Atoll and the USSR matched its achievement nine months later.

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SPEAKEASY

In the 1960s, as the world agreed upon the importance of limiting nuclear weapons and testing, the clock moved back again to 7 minutes and even 12 minutes to midnight in the early 1970s—marking the end of atmospheric testing and the era of SALT I, the anti-ballistic-missile treaty, and the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

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> The delayed Artemis II moonshot has not sparked the world's imagination like Apollo 11 did because our civilisation has fundamentally changed. Today, space exploration is meant for colonisation and industry, not for the benefit of all. The Doomsday Clock depicts the advancing peril

In 1974, Indira Gandhi ordered the Pokhran I test and the clock jittered forward to nine minutes to midnight. It reached three minutes to midnight in 1984, when the Reagan administration sought space-based anti-ballistic-missile systems. The collapse of the Soviet Union lulled threat perceptions, and the next spike was provided by the Vajpayee government's Pokhran II test in 1998, and Pakistan's answer. The clock was again at nine minutes to midnight, and it was blamed on the leadership failure of the US and Russia in disarmament.

The two countries had the largest nuclear weapon inventories. This is still the case, and the clock has again been moved forward due to their leadership failure. Meanwhile, China and India have acquired strategic and economic importance to enter the lists, and their leadership isn't in great health either.

Last year, the Science and Security Board of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, which sets the Doomsday Clock, had warned of multiple threats facing human civilisation—what the World Economic Forum acknowledges as a 'polycrisis'. They include immediate threats like the US abdicating its leadership responsibility in climate action and choosing fossil fuels. Also, AI companies should have been regulated instead of being treated like freestyle prize-fighters in an international technology tournament. Relatively distant concerns also figured, like 'mirror life', based on molecules that are chirally opposite to those found in nature—such life forms can run amok, but they don't exist yet.

This year, the clock has been advanced because the world's leadership has ignored last year's cautions and has intensified competition instead of cooperation. Tariff wars, threats to territorial sovereignty, indifference to the rule of law, the growing irrelevance of multilateral organisations and the celebration of muscular nationalism and might-is-right politics are urging smaller nations to arm themselves, perhaps even with nuclear weapons. In an order dominated by the strong, everyone else will try to bridge the difference.

Perhaps Artemis II does not spark the world's imagination like Apollo 11 did because our civilisation is fundamentally changed. The way to the moon leads to Mars, and then to human habitation and industry on other worlds. In 1969, this was an inclusive story, and space exploration was understood to be for the benefit of all. Now, in a world of deepening inequalities, it's hard to believe that the most powerful will not get the first tickets out—perhaps after reducing the world to a dystopia. If the rest of humanity doesn't have a stake in space, no wonder they don't care about moonshots.

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Distressed institutions

Ref: *The court and the appellant* (Feb 6). The column rightly frames Mamata Banerjee's personal appearance as a moment of institutional stress. What deserves further reflection is what this moment reveals about how power now seeks legitimacy in India. The challenge is not to discourage access to justice, but to restore confidence in non-judicial institutions so that courts remain arbiters of law, not substitutes for democratic negotiation.
Sanjeev Jha, New Delhi

Unparliamentary conduct

Ref: *Nuance needed* (Feb 6). It has become a new normal for opposition parties to create chaos. Turn to history—no opposition party in the recent past has shown maturity in genuinely evaluating or reviewing the ruling party's approach and shared ideas democratically.
R V Baskaran, Pune

Game theory

Ref: *Video games can trap kids subtly* (Feb 6). Gaming addiction is not merely a personal habit but a social problem linked to loneliness, emotional neglect and weak family communication. Rather than blaming games alone, society must reflect on parenting styles, peer influence and the lack of safe emotional spaces.
Keerthana Prasad, Bengaluru

Reinforce reforms

Ref: *Tobacco reform* (Feb 6). At the outset, imposition of heavy cess has never been able to curb, if not completely eliminate, the sale of tobacco products, especially cigarettes. The mandatory warnings too are of no use. It's not just the duty of the law and order machinery to enforce laws, but we as citizens should also contribute.
R Sampath, Chennai

Criminal neglect

Ref: *At least 18 dead* (Feb 6). When laws exist only on paper and enforcement dozes, the poorest pay with their lives. The workers died because safety was deemed optional and human lives considered expendable. Without criminal culpability, this will repeat.
Aditya Kamble, Kalaburagi

Screen scruples

Ref: *Strict action* (Feb 6). Other states must draw inspiration from the proposed crackdown. It calls for a stronger censorship on Telugu movies, particularly the 'item songs'. It's embarrassing to witness Padma-awardee heroes promoting such songs.
Suresh Chandra, email

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POSTS OF THE DAY

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What is wrong with the right wing trolls in the country? Fake conversation is being manufactured, private lives are invaded, and misinformation is served on platter.

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
This is not a government at all — it is a tangled underground network of dishonesty cables, laid by the corrupt BJP inside an underground pipeline of corruption.

Amit Malviya @amitmalviya
Today, the people of Bengal live in fear, knowing that speaking out against Mamata Banerjee invites FIRs, harassment, and false cases.

Next Rafale deal could come under US body lens after supplier buyout

Downstream probe clause may affect India after sale of LMB Aerospace to American firm

JAVARIA RANA @ New Delhi

AS the proposed acquisition of 114 additional Rafale fighter aircraft is likely to come up for discussion at the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) meet next week and is expected to receive approval ahead of French President Emmanuel Macron's visit to India this month, a recent acquisition in Europe has introduced a new regulatory dimension to the programme.

Dassault Aviation's Rafale could potentially come under the ambit of the United States' International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) following the acquisition of key French aerospace supplier LMB Aerospace by US-based Loar Group. The development has sparked a political debate in France and raised questions about possible downstream implications for existing and future Rafale operators. One of France's principal selling points in exporting the Rafale has been its relative insulation from US export controls, allowing buyers greater operational flexibility.

ITAR regulations govern the export, transfer and use of defence-related technologies originating in the United States. If specific subsystems fall under ITAR jurisdiction, future exports, upgrades or third-party transfers involving those coponents could require U.S. regulatory approvals.

Sources said the acquisition of LMB by a US firm does not compromise Rafale's export independence, but cautioned against dismissing concerns.

"The extent of ITAR applicability will depend on whether US-origin technologies or regulatory controls are introduced into the supply chain post-acquisition. A change in ownership alone does not alter export status, but the US track record of flexible ITAR interpretation, the strategic value of supply-chain leverage and the legal ambiguity inherent in export controls mean the issue cannot be ignored," a source said.

New York-based Loar Group completed the acquisition of LMB Fans & Motors in December last year for $433 million. The French government approved the transaction last week despite strong opposition in the French National Assembly, where lawmakers across party lines raised concerns over transferring a strategically sensitive aerospace supplier to an American entity.

LMB specialises in high-performance fans and brushless motors used across aerospace and defence platforms. Its components are integrated into multiple systems, including Rafale fighters and French nuclear submarines. While the acquisition does not immediately change the regulatory status of existing platforms, it raises the possibility that certain components could fall under US export control oversight.

The Indian Air Force is pursuing a larger acquisition of 114 jets under a proposal estimated at around ₹3.25 lakh crore. The plan includes 88 single-seater and 26 twin-seater variants, with 18 aircraft delivered in fly-away condition and the remainder manufactured in India with up to 60% indigenous content. The contract is expected to include provisions for upgrading Indian Rafales to the future F5 standard.

India signed ₹63k cr pact last year for fighter jets

India last year signed a government-to-government agreement worth ₹63,000 crore for 26 Rafale Marine fighters for the Indian Navy. Deliveries are expected to begin in 2028, with the aircraft deployed aboard INS Vikrant. India's plan to acquire 114 jets includes 88 single-seater and 26 twin-seater variants, with 18 aircraft delivered in fly-away condition and the remainder manufactured in India.

Delhi, Tehran must boost ties using port, says Iran ambassador to India

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

Iran Ambassador Mohammad Fathali at a press conference in New Delhi on Friday

IRAN has emphasised the strategic value of the Chabahar Port and its intent to deepen engagement with India, even as regional tensions rise and uncertainty looms over US sanctions policy.

Speaking at a press interaction here, Iran's Ambassador to India, Dr Mohammad Fathali, described Chabahar as a "vital" maritime hub that provides critical access to Afghanistan and Central Asia and reiterated Tehran's commitment to sustained cooperation with New Delhi. "Chabahar is Chabahar. Location doesn't change," he said, in a clear signalling of Iran's view that geopolitical pressures cannot alter the port's long-term relevance.

The ambassador emphasised that Chabahar is an Iranian-owned facility with growing international interest and said that India has remained supportive. "We have good relations with India on Chabahar and we hope to expand cooperation," he said, and added that there have been no adverse signals from the Indian side yet.

India has been involved in the development and operation of Chabahar since 2018 through India Ports Global Limited (IPGL) and its subsidiary, which manage the Shahid Beheshti Terminal. A 10-year bilateral contract signed on May 13, 2024 formalised India's role in equipping and operating the port, with New Delhi committing $120 million towards port equipment and infrastructure.

However, the project has come under renewed strain following a shift in US policy. On September 16, 2025, the US State Department revoked a sanctions exemption granted in 2018 under the Iran Freedom and Counter-Proliferation Act, which had allowed Chabahar's development to support Afghanistan's reconstruction. The revocation, effective September 29, 2025, was later followed by a conditional extension of the waiver until April 26, 2026.

The external affairs ministry has said it remains in touch with all stakeholders to assess the implications of the evolving sanctions regime.

On bilateral diplomacy, Ambassador Fathali said a potential visit by Iran's President to India, possibly around the BRICS summit, would be a "good opportunity to boost relations". He added that discussions were ongoing regarding a visit by Iran's Foreign Minister, with India expressing interest in identifying a suitable date."

Addressing the recent detention of Indian sailors in Bandar Abbas, Fathali said eight of the 16 have been released so far, underscoring India's "important role" in resolving the issue.

POWER CORRIDOR

'PRIORITY TO TECH USE IN FARM SECTOR'

Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Friday said that the government is prioritising the use of technology in the farm sector and said 8.48 crore farmers have been provided with digital IDs in 19 states. Replying to supplementaries during Question Hour in Rajya Sabha, the minister said, under the AgriStack, a Digital Public Infrastructure, Kisan Pehchan Patra (farmers ID) are being issued to farmers, recording details of land records and family members.

ENZYME THERAPY FOR RARE DISEASES SOUGHT

Maharasthra BJP MP Anil Sukheorao Bonde on Friday urged the government to provide life-long and uninterrupted Enzyme Replacement Therapy to children suffering from rare diseases under the existing policy. During the Zero Hour in the Rajya Sabha, Bonde said the government came up with a national policy on rare diseases in 2021, under which financial support and centres of excellence were established across India. Financial aid of up to ₹50 lakh per patient is provided.

MP PROPOSES 45-DAY LEAVE FOR PARENTS' CARE

Uttar Pradesh MP Sumitra Balmik on Friday pitched for mandatory 45-day leave for employees in both the government and private sectors to care for parents aged over 60 years. "Our government is taking historic steps for the uplift of women and youth. But now it is time for me to say one more thing," Balmiki raised the matter in the Rajya Sabha. He highlighted the plight of the "sandwich generation"—those caught between caring for aging parents and managing professional responsibilities.

DMK MP T Sumathy alias Thamizhachi Thangapandian outside Parliament | PTI

Rlys now generating small revenue surplus: Vaishnaw

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

RAILWAYS Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Friday said the financial health of the Railways has improved in the last 10 years, adding that the national transporter has now a small revenue surplus after meeting all costs.

Replying to supplementaries during the Question Hour in the Rajya Sabha, the minister said 5.04 lakh jobs were generated during the 2014-24 period while another 1.5 lakh employment is being provided in the third term of the NDA government. Vaishnaw said there have been sustained efforts in the last 10 years to increase freight traffic and passenger revenue, besides controlling cost. "Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, there has been a lot of improvement in the financial health of the Indian Railways in the last 10 years," he said in reply to a question by BJP member Laxmikant Bajpayee.

Vaishnaw said the railways staff cost stands at around ₹1.18 lakh crore for about 12 lakh employees while 18 lakh pensioners cost ₹65,000 crore. The energy cost is ₹32,000 crore, finance cost ₹23,000 crore and maintenance cost ₹8,000 crore.

The overall cost of Railways is ₹2.74 lakh crore, he added. "Railways is earning a small surplus after meeting all its costs because of the steps taken by the Centre in the last 10 years," Vaishnaw said. "In the 2024-25 fiscal year, the operating ratio was 98.22%, gross traffic receipts ₹2,65,114 crore and surplus ₹2,660 crore," he said in a written reply.

Vaishnaw said the PM's decision to achieve complete electrification of the railway network has led to reduction in the energy cost besides providing immense environmental benefits. The diesel and electrical cost has reduced to about ₹32,400 crore from ₹37,841 crore four years ago, despite increase in freight traffic, Vaishnaw said. He added that the Railways is having a small revenue surplus because of efficiencies in operations, especially saving of ₹5,500 crore in energy cost, better maintenance practice, and increase in freight traffic by 400 million tonnes.

Vaishnaw said the government is providing a subsidy of ₹60,000 crore to all passengers. The subsidy level is at 45% in the railway fare for passengers. He added that the recruitment process for 18,000 assistant loco pilots has been completed and their onboarding has begun.

Replying to another supplementary, Vaishnaw said the Modi government has paid significant attention to the North-east, with the Budget increased to ₹11,486 crore from ₹2,000 crore during the UPA government. During the Zero Hour, the minister informed the House about progress in railway works in J&K and Kerala.

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KHARGE ASKS WHY PM NOT LISTENING TO OPPN DEMANDS

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

LEADER of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha and Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Friday lashed out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi for not responding to the issues raised by the Opposition. Referring to Modi's speech in the Rajya Sabha, Kharge said he doesn't have courage to answer the questions posed by Rahul Gandhi and alleged that the PM lacks vision and ideology.

The Congress leader said that his morale is broken following revelations in Gen MM Naravane's memoirs and Epstein files and he is scared of Gandhi. "Repeating falsehoods" has been Modi's job and in his 97-minute reply to the discussion on the motion of thanks to the President's address, he didn't say anything important, Kharge said. "He (PM) just kept talking about 100 years... 75 years... 50 years...When we got hold of Naravane's book, how could those in power not have it? They are saying in Parliament that the book hasn't even been published yet...but the reality is that the book does exist," the Congress president told media persons.

Kharge also hit out at the PM for trying to distort the facts about the verbal exchange between Gandhi and BJP MP Ravneet Singh Bittu. Rejecting the PM's charge that Congress insulted Sikhs, he said the Congress had appointed Manmohan Singh as the first Sikh PM of the country.

Taking a dig at Modi for not replying to the discussion on the motion in the Lok Sabha, Kharge said, "The Speaker said intelligence was received, so he advised Modi ji not to respond to the President's address in the Lok Sabha. If your intelligence is so good, where was it during terrorist attacks like Pulwama?"

Cong chief takes a dig at Modi

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'Our conscience must be satisfied': SC says on cut-off percentiles in NEET-PG

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Friday sought an affidavit from the National Board of Examination in Medical Sciences (NBEMS) explaining the reasons for reducing the qualifying cut-off percentiles for NEET-PG 2025-26, while hearing a batch of petitions challenging the move.

A bench of Justices P S Narasimha and Alok Aradhe was hearing pleas challenging the January 13 notice issued by NBEMS lowering the qualifying percentile for counselling. The court remarked, "Our conscience has to be satisfied that there is no devious reason, that's all."

The impugned notification reduced the minimum qualifying percentile for the third round of counselling across categories. The general category cut-off was lowered from 276 to 103 marks, while the SC, ST and OBC cut-off was reduced from 235 to minus 40 marks, effectively bringing the qualifying percentile to zero for reserved categories.

The bench said it would review the decision after receiving responses from the Centre and other authorities, noting that it would examine whether the decision was "drastically wrong" or driven by any ulterior motive.

Petitioners argued that the sharp reduction was arbitrary and undermined standards of postgraduate medical education. They contended that allowing candidates with extremely low or negative scores to participate in counselling compromises patient safety and the integrity of the medical profession.

SC OKs med termination of week 30 pregnancy

Supreme Court on Friday directed medical termination of a 17-year-old girl's 30-week pregnancy, observing that courts cannot compel a woman, much less a minor, to continue an unwanted pregnancy. A bench of justices B V Nagarathna and Ujjal Bhuyan ordered Mumbai's JJ Hospital to perform the procedure with necessary medical safeguards, emphasising the minor's reproductive autonomy over other considerations. The girl had conceived while in a relationship with a neighbourhood boy and consistently expressed her unwillingness to continue the pregnancy. "The court cannot compel any woman, much less a minor child, to complete her pregnancy if she is otherwise not intending to do so," the bench stated, noting that while the medical board reported no threat to mother or child if carried to full term, the girl's wishes remained paramount. Justice Nagarathna acknowledged the moral and legal complexities: "Should we compel her to give birth to a child? Because the child which will be born is also ultimately going to be a life. If she can terminate at 24 weeks, then why not at 30 weeks? Bottom line is she doesn't want to give birth."

NCR, southern states vie for FASTag annual pass

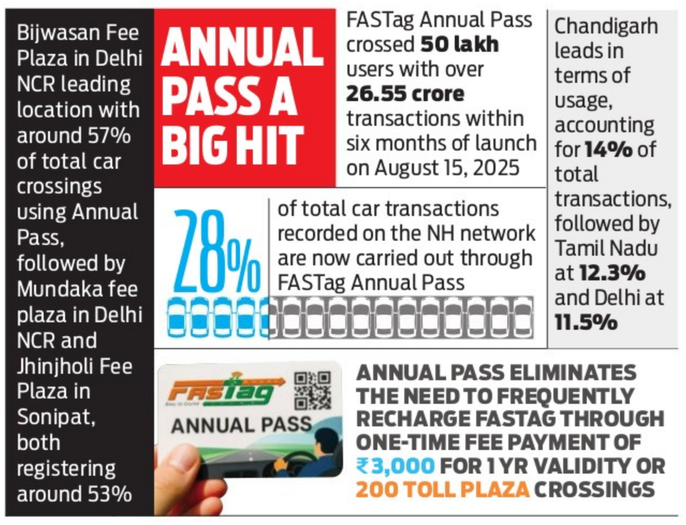
PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

THE FASTag Annual Pass is witnessing widespread adoption across India, with data indicating strong usage across regions. According to the ministry of road transport and highway (MoRTH), Chandigarh has emerged as the leading region in terms of usage, accounting for 14% of total transactions nationwide, followed closely by Tamil Nadu at 12.3% and Delhi at 11.5%.

Further analysis of location-wise data points to particularly strong adoption among National Highway commuters in the Delhi-National Capital Region (Delhi-NCR). Bijwasan Fee Plaza has recorded the highest usage, with nearly 57% of total cars bearing the tag crossing the toll gate.

Mundaka in Delhi and Jhinjholi in Sonipat follow closely, with around 53% of non-commercial vehicle crossings at each location using the pass.

On Friday, the ministry said that within six months of its launch, the annual pass has achieved a significant milestone by crossing 50 lakh users with over 26.55 crore transactions recorded since August 15.


Bijwasan Fee Plaza in Delhi NCR leading location with around 57% of total car crossings using Annual Pass, followed by Mundaka fee plaza in Delhi NCR and Jhinjholi Fee Plaza in Sonipat, both registering around 53%
ANNUAL PASS A BIG HIT
FASTag Annual Pass crossed 50 lakh users with over 26.55 crore transactions within six months of launch on August 15, 2025
28%
of total car transactions recorded on the NH network are now carried out through FASTag Annual Pass
Chandigarh leads in terms of usage, accounting for 14% of total transactions, followed by Tamil Nadu at 12.3% and Delhi at 11.5%
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ANNUAL PASS ELIMINATES THE NEED TO FREQUENTLY RECHARGE FASTAG THROUGH ONE-TIME FEE PAYMENT OF ₹3,000 FOR 1 YR VALIDITY OR 200 TOLL PLAZA CROSSINGS

"The milestone reflects the growing acceptance of the Annual Pass among private vehicle owners for providing a seamless and economical travel option on the National Highways and Expressways...highlighting the increasing preference of FASTag Annual Pass among National Highway users, around 28% of total car transactions recorded on the National Highway network are now being carried out through the FASTag Annual Pass," said officials.

Applicable on about 1,150 fee plazas on National Highways and National Expressways, the Annual Pass eliminates the need to frequently recharge FASTag through one-time fee payment of ₹3,000 for one year validity or 200 toll plaza crossings. The annual pass gets activated within two hours on the existing FASTag linked to the vehicle after payment of one-time fee payment through Rajmargyatra App or NHAI website.

The growing uptake of the FASTag Annual Pass reinforces its effectiveness in promoting seamless and economical travel on National Highways across the country, said officials.

At toll plazas, cash payment would often result in delays. Long queues, tender issues, and disputes were common. To fix this, MoRTH introduced double toll charges arrangement for non-FASTag payments. However, the ministry brought some relief for them based on their mode of payment.

With a penetration rate of around 98 percent and over eight crore users, FASTag has revolutionized the Electronic Toll Collection system in the country. In another transformative step towards hassle-free highway travel, the ministry in August introduced annual FASTag pass for non-commercial private vehicles such as cars, jeeps and vans.

At present, user fee is collected for approximately 45,000 km of NHs and Expressways. There are about 1,200 toll plazas, which are maintained by either the NHAI or concessionaires. Since February 2021, FASTag has been made mandatory for the payment of user fees at NH toll plazas.

PETTY DISPUTE

A squabble over a halter around a buffalo's neck escalated into a violent clash between two brothers and their families, leaving a woman dead and a man critically injured in UP's Deoria.

4 ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL POST GAS LEAK IN GUJARAT'S VAPI

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	29	19	Mumbai	31	25
Bhopal	26	13	Panaji	35	22
Jaipur	25	13	Patna	24	13
Amritsar	22	06	Lucknow	24	12
Chennai	29	22	Port Blair	29	23
Kolkata	26	16	Imphal	24	09
Srinagar	07	-5	Chandigarh	23	10

Shah calls for combing ops in forests to weed out terrorists

Visits border outposts in Jammu to review security, asks forces to ensure zero infiltration

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday chaired a security review meeting in Jammu and reiterated zero tolerance against terrorism, directing security forces to eliminate terrorists, including those hiding in areas of the Jammu region, ensure zero infiltration and dismantle the whole terror ecosystem to achieve a "terror-free Jammu and Kashmir."

The meeting, which took place at the Lok Bhavan, was attended by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi, Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan, Northern Army Commander Lt Gen Pratik Sharma, White Knight Corps GoC Lt Gen P K Mishra, DGP Nalin Prabhat, IB Director Tapan Deka, BSF DG Praveen Kumar, CRPF DG G P Singh and several other senior officials.

Sources said agencies briefed the Home Minister on the security situation. "He was briefed about the ongoing winter offensive against the terrorists hiding in the upper reaches and forest areas of the Jammu region. He was apprised about the recent operations in Kishtwar and Udhampur during which three Pakistani Jaish terrorists were killed," they said.

He was also briefed about the situation along the International Border and Line of Control, and Shah praised operations against terrorism.

"Shah directed security forces to go all out and eliminate the remaining terrorists active in the UT, including those hiding in the forest and upper areas of the Jammu region. Terrorism, the Over Ground Workers (OGWs) and their support terror eco system should be demolished to ensure terror-free J&K," sources said.

Shah assured all resources to achieve "terror-free J&K" and ordered enhanced vigil, a stronger counter-infiltration grid and high-tech deployment. "It should be ensured that there is zero infiltration from across the border," he said.

This was the second such review within a month, after January 8. Later, Shah met the families of soldiers killed in terror violence and said, "The nation will forever take pride in its heroic martyrs."

Union Home Minister Amit Shah with security personnel during a visit at the 'Gurnam' outpost located on the India-Pakistan border in Jammu and Kashmir | PTI

₹242-cr infra works, ₹7-cr welfare projects launched

Earlier, Shah visited BSF BOPs Gurnam and Bobiya in Kathua, interacted with personnel and said, "BSF has stood like an impregnable wall." Praising Operation Sindoor, he noted 118 Pakistani posts and three terror launch pads destroyed, and inaugurated ₹7 crore welfare projects while laying foundations for infrastructure works worth ₹242 crore.

'Cultural defence as important as national borders'

NARENDRA SETHI @ Haridwar

EMPHASISING the importance of the spiritual foundations of the country, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said Friday that protecting India's cultural heritage is as vital as the defending its geographical borders.

He made the remarks while speaking at the three-day Samadhi Mandir Murti Sthapana ceremony in Haridwar. In his address, Singh asserted that nations failing to preserve their culture eventually face disintegration. He further exhorted all citizens to evolve their perspective from traditional nationalism to a more holistic form of "cultural nationalism."

"The world is changing at a rapid pace, but the Indian saint tradition provides us with a sense of stability," the minister expressed, describing sages in the country sages as the true custodians of its civilisation.

Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami, his UP counterpart Yogi Adityanath, and Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar were among those present.

Over ₹1L cr J&K Budget focuses on jobs, free LPG for poor, cancer control

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

JAMMU and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday presented a ₹1.13 lakh crore budget for 2026–27, projecting an 11% growth rate for the UT's economy. He proposed to reduce rebate on diesel by ₹2 per litre, priority to local youth in recruitment in industrial units availing of government concessions, six free LPG cylinders per to all Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) households, and fast-tracking recruitment for 23,800 vacant posts.

Omar, who holds the finance portfolio, said J&K Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) has shown an upward trajectory, rising from ₹2.36 lakh crore in 2023–24 to ₹2.62 lakh crore in 2024–25, and is projected to touch ₹2.88 lakh crore in 2025–26. He attributed the momentum to reforms and strategic capital investments, despite fiscal pressures following the Pahalgam terror attack and floods last year. The CM announced that industrial units availing of subsidies, electricity benefits or land will be mandated to give priority to employment of local youth. "The move aims to ensure that benefits of industrialisation are shared equitably with local communities and contribute meaningfully to regional prosperity," he said.

Omar announced 23,800 vacant posts, including 2,800 gazetted, 14,000 non-gazetted and 7,000 Class IV positions, will be filled in a time-bound manner. "The government is committed to finding a just and humane resolution to issue of regularsation of casual and temporary workers," he said. Omar proposed reducing rebate on high-speed diesel by ₹2 per litre. "This will rationalise the price of HSD and encourage a shift towards cleaner technologies," he said.

"The energy ministry has sanctioned installation of rooftop solar systems of 2 kW each at 2.22 lakh AAY households. The systems are expected to generate 200 units per month per household, entirely free of cost," he said.

The CM said since J&K has witnessed a rise in incidence of cancer, the government will roll out a Cancer Control Strategy for J&K in collaboration with NITI Ayog and ICMR.

JAIPUR DIARY

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Akbar pops up in House amid 'history rewrite' talk

Congress leader Shanti Dhariwal stirred the pot in the Rajasthan Assembly recently with a pointed jab at the BJP government's exercise to "rewrite history." Taking aim at the ruling party's aversion to the Mughals, Dhariwal reminded the House that an inscription praising Mughal emperor Akbar still stands tall at Amer Fort. "If history is being corrected so aggressively, then what about the inscription at Amer Fort praising Akbar?" Turning the question directly to the ruling party, he asked, "Wasn't there a relationship with Akbar?" The comment comes at a time when the BJP government is removing chapters on Mughals in textbooks.

Vasundhara Raje moves keep BJP circles buzzing

Vasundhara Raje remains a constant topic of discussion in Rajasthan's political corridors. Recently, she made headlines by backing the Khejri tree conservation movement in Bikaner, followed by a meeting with employees demanding equal pay during their probation period. What stands out is that Raje currently holds no major post and is only an MLA. Yet, her support on any issue is enough to create a political buzz. Speculations grew further when, at a Jat community event in Jaipur, she remarked that women in politics must work three times harder than men to gain recognition. Political observers are now reading between the lines.

Row erupts as liquor store timings extended

The Bhajanlal Sharma government has approved a new excise policy which leaves the power to decide liquor shop timings to the Excise Commissioner. The move is widely seen as a bid to extend closing hours from 8 pm to 10 pm, with the clear aim of boosting liquor sales and increasing state revenue triggering a political row. Former CM Ashok Gehlot and state Congress chief Govind Dotasra have strongly opposed the move. Whatever the political fallout, one thing is certain - those who long teased a former Chief Minister with the slogan "8 PM No CM" may now have to rethink their pitch, as Rajasthan's liquor politics is all set to get an extension!

Contaminated water claims 1 more in Indore

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

THE Bhagirathpura locality of MP's Indore, reeling under a diarrhoea outbreak triggered by the consumption of contaminated water, has logged yet another death in less than 45 days, as a 70-year-old man succumbed on Thursday during treatment.

The deceased, Algu Chaudhary, was reportedly admitted to the Sri Aurobindo Institute of Medical Sciences (SAIMS-Indore) Hospital on January 9, following multiple bouts of vomiting and diarrhoea. He reportedly also developed respiratory complications and died while undergoing treatment late on Thursday night.

The deceased man's son, Sanjay, has claimed that the septuagenarian suffered from no comorbidities or had no prior health conditions. "My father was admitted to the hospital following bouts of diarrhoea and vomiting after drinking contaminated water," he said.

The Indore district chief health and medical officer Dr Madhav Hassani, however, has claimed that the septuagenarian Chaudhary didn't die due to diarrhoea or dehydration-related health complications. "The patient was suffering from bleeding in the brain," he said.

Day after Meghalaya coal mine blast, two owners arrested as toll reaches 25

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

THE death toll in Thursday's dynamite blast at an illegal rat-hole coal mine in Meghalaya's East Jaintia Hills district rose to 25 on Friday even as two persons, the alleged owners of the mine, police arrested in connection with the incident.

After 18 bodies were retrieved on Thursday, four more were recovered from the site on Friday. The bodies of two others, taken away by family members on Thursday, were returned while one person succumbed to his burn injuries at a hospital on Friday.

Superintendent of Police Vikash Kumar told this newspaper that the victims were from Meghalaya, Assam and Nepal. He said nine injured people were undergoing treatment. "The injured are not in a position to give statements and therefore, we haven't been able to ascertain how many people were inside the mine at the time of the explosion," the SP said.

The search and rescue operation was suspended with the fall of darkness. Its resumption depends on a review by officials on Saturday. At the instruction of Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma, ministers Lahkmen Rymbui and Wailadmiki Shylla visited the site of incident. "We have instructed police to take action against those responsible for the incident," Sangma said, warning people against indulging in illegal coal mining.

The state government has ordered an inquiry into the incident with Sangma stating that accountability will be fixed. "There will be no compromise when it comes to the safety of lives," he said. Thma U Rangli-Juki, a local organisation, condemned the state government for its "long-standing role in enabling illegal coal mining in the state."

Nine under treatment

The victims were from Meghalaya, Assam and Nepal. Nine people injured in the explosion are still under treatment. Meanwhile, The state government has ordered an inquiry into the incident with Sangma saying accountability will be fixed and that there will be no compromise when it comes to the safety of lives of people.

Shutdown in Kuki-Zo areas as stir against 3 MLAs continues

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

PROTESTS continued in Manipur's Kuki-Zo hills against three legislators from the community who are facing a social boycott for joining the newly formed state government.

The protestors on Friday burned the effigies of the trio – Dy Chief Minister Nemcha Kipgen, MLAs LM Khaute who is a former Director General of Police, and Ngursanglur Sanate – during a "mass public rally" in Churachandpur. A shutdown was also observed by people in Churachandpur responding to the call of Kuki Students' Organisation (KSO). Protests were also staged in the border town of Moreh in Tengnoupal district. A procession was taken out there in support of the KSO's 24-hour shutdown call. In both Churachandpur and Moreh, the shutdown crippled normal life. Markets remained closed while vehicles stayed off the roads. However, there were no reports of any untoward incidents taking place.

The Kuki-Zo Council (KZC), which represents the Kuki-Zo tribes of Manipur, lauded people for their participation in the massive and peaceful rallies in Kuki-Zo areas.

Security personnel keep watch as people stage a protest against the participation of Kuki-Zo MLAs in state government formation in Churachandpur on Thursday | PTI

"The overwhelming participation of the people reflects the deep anguish, anger, and collective rejection of the actions of those Kuki-Zo MLAs who have chosen to join the formation of the Manipur government, in complete disregard of the people's sentiments, collective resolutions, and the immense suffering endured by our community," the KZC said in a statement. It further stated that the burning of effigies during the rallies powerfully conveyed people's unequivocal disapproval and rejection of the actions of the MLAs.

Amid the protests, the Indigenous Tribes Advocacy Committee of Pherzawl and Jiribam districts issued a warning against any attempt to intimidate or cause harm to MLA Ngursanglur Sanate.

"Ngursanglur Sanate is the legitimate and constitutional representative of the IT jurisdictional area, as a major portion of the said area falls within the 55-Tipaimukh Assembly constituency. Any attempt to demean, intimidate, threaten or cause harm to Ngursanglur Sanate... shall be viewed as deliberately disrespecting the collective stand of the tribal populace of Pherzawl and Jiribam areas," the organisation stated in a statement.

Cong expels Sidhu's wife, she takes jibe at Rahul

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

FORMER MLA Navjot Kaur Sidhu, wife of cricketer-turned-politician and former Punjab Congress president Navjot Singh Sidhu, has been expelled from the Congress. Reacting to the development in a social media post, she referred to the Leader of the Opposition, Rahul Gandhi, as "pappu."

Punjab Congress affairs incharge and former Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel cited disciplinary grounds and said strict adherence to the party line was non-negotiable. Accompanied by Punjab Congress chief Amarinder Singh Raja Warring, Baghel confirmed the expulsion and said Kaur had been under suspension and that the party has now formalised her removal. Baghel is on a Punjab tour to mobilise support for MGNREGA workers and addressed a gathering at Jandiala Guru near Amritsar.

Kaur was expelled five days after announcing her resignation, accusing the leadership of being "unaware of ground realities". Her troubles began on December 8 last year when she was suspended for saying a "suitcase of ₹500 crore" was needed to become the Chief Minister of Punjab.

Reacting to her expulsion, Kaur wrote on X, "Pappu has finally put a stamp on his name... totally unaware of the ground realities." She also accused the inner circle of enjoying luxuries, delaying decisions and indulging in corruption, adding, "Learn to speak and face the truth that is, was always will be."

Earlier, she had said that Navjot Singh Sidhu would return to politics only if Congress declared him its chief ministerial face. After meeting Governor Gulab Chand Kataria, she said, "We always speak for Punjab and Punjabiyat but do not have ₹500 crore to sit in the Chief Minister's chair."

Social media posts spark buzz about BJP switch

Reacting to her expulsion, Kaur wrote on X, "Pappu has finally put a stamp on his name... totally unaware of the ground realities." Kaur earlier served as a BJP MLA from Amritsar East. She accused the inner circle of enjoying luxuries, delaying decisions and indulging in corruption Her recent posts welcoming Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Punjab sparked buzz about a return to the BJP.

AAP leader shot dead outside Punjab gurdwara

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

PUNJAB AAP leader Satwinderpal Singh alias Lucky Oberoi was shot dead by an unidentified assailant outside a gurdwara in Jalandhar's Model Town on Friday, police said.

The incident took place around 7.30 am, when the 43-year-old leader was leaving the gurdwara in his SUV. CCTV footage shows two unidentified scooter-borne assailants opening fire at Oberoi as he came out of the gurdwara and sat in his vehicle. He was rushed to a hospital in an unconscious state, but he later succumbed to the bullet injuries.

The victim had reportedly received threats. A probe into the killing is under way.

Atrocity case: SC student beaten near college hostel after threat in Gujarat

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

A Scheduled Caste student from Porbandar, residing at the BBA/BCA College hostel in Gujarat's Mehsana city, was allegedly assaulted by four youths over an old rivalry.

Registered at Mehsana A-Division Police Station, the complaint names Mitesh Purohit and three of his associates as the accused. On February 3, when Purohit, who lived in the same hostel, allegedly abused the victim under the guise of a joke. When the student refused to retaliate with abuse, the accused threatened him.

"He warned me that he would see me in the morning," the victim told media. Next morning, as the victim stepped out of the hostel for college along with a friend, the accused intercepted him close to the hostel. The four youths allegedly forced the student to fall at their feet and apologise. When he refused to submit, the situation escalated rapidly. Hurling caste-based abuses, the accused allegedly launched a brutal assault. The assault continued until other hostel inmates intervened, pulling the victim away to safety.

The injured student first sought medical help at Ganpat University Hospital. However, as pain and swelling intensified by evening, he was shifted to Mehsana Civil Hospital.

Later, accompanied by his mother, the victim approached the police and filed a detailed complaint. Mehsana A-Division Police registered a case under relevant sections of the BNS for assault, along with provisions of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

Meanwhile, the college administration has moved to contain the fallout. Ganpat University PRO Bhikhesh Bhatt told this newspaper, "Our college committee has taken immediate action. The accused student has been suspended from the hostel, and disciplinary proceedings are underway. We have also called his family and clearly conveyed that such incidents will not be tolerated."

As the investigation progresses, the case has reignited widespread concerns related to caste-based discrimination and the safety of students.

ACTION TAKEN

1. The accused student has been suspended from the hostel, and disciplinary proceedings are under way
2. The college administration has contacted the victim's kin to convey that such cases won't be tolerated

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICER INCHARGE FOR MADRAS SAPPERS MUSEUM & ARCHIVES AT MADRAS ENGINEER GROUP & CENTRE, BANGALORE

Headquarters Madras Engineer Group and Centre Bangalore invites applications from retirecl Army Officers for the post of Officer-in-Charge for Madras Sappers Museum & Archives at Madras Engineer Group & Centre, Bangalore.

Qualifications & Terms of Employment

Essential :

1.Retired Army Officers of the rank of Col/Lt Col. **2.** Maximum age of the retired officer as on 01 Feb 2026 should be below 59 Years. **3.** Graduate from recognized University. **4.** Medical Category SHAPE-1/SHAPE-2. **5.** Should be proficient in Computer & MS Office. **6.** Should be a resident of Bangalore. **7.** Minimum two years experience in maintenance of Military Museum as Officer-in-Charge.

Desirable

1 .Proficient in Museum upkeep, digitization and maintenance. **2**.Thorough knowledge of Madras Sappers and its rich history & legacy to include their role in development of Bangalore Military Station. **3.** Well versed on the nuances of maintenance of Library and Artifacts. **4.** Should have liaison & connect with local Bangalore heritage walk / History enthusiast / similar groups.

Period of Engagement :

Two tenures of 11 Months duration each of which may be extended by another 11 months tenure on approval of competent authority. The employee shall be treated as a contractual employee, governed by terms & conditions specified in this contract and no benefits applicable to Government employees shall be applicable to the Employee, unless specially extended so by the Employer.

Payment Rs. 1,00,000/- per month.

Place of Employment Madras Sappers Museum & Archives, Madras Engineer Group & Centre, Bangalore.

Interested retired officers to send their resume along with Copy of PPO, Discharge Book & Self certificate (no recordable discipline award in Army career) to the address given below by 15 Feb 2026.

HQ Madras Engineer Group & Centre Bangalore **Email ID meqc-1780@gov.in**

Clarification, if any may please be sought from Administrative Officer (Mobile No 8054555175)

Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department

Office of the Executive Engineer Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal.
Phone & Fax No : 08539-220054 email: eemidnkst@rediffmail.com

No:EE/MI&GWDD/Koppal/PB/TP/2025-26/5055 Dated: 05-02-2026

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER

The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal district invites tenders from the eligible tenderers registered civil contractors as per standard bid documents KW-3 & KW-4 on KPP portal for 12 no. of tender works pertaining to Koppal district & Raichur district The Approximate amount for the mentioned works Ranges between **Rs.95.00 Lakhs to 545.00 Lakhs. Two cover** tender procedure as per rule 28 of the KTTP act shall be followed.

For more information the contractor can contact the under signed during office hours and all information regarding tenders can be had from website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website address on or after **10-02-2026.** Last date & time for receipt of tender is **25-02-2026 time 17.30 hours,** Pre bid meeting will be held on **16-02-2026, 11.00 Hours** at division office koppal, Date & time for opening of technical bid **27-02-2026 time 11.00 hours,** date and time for opening of financial bid **02-03-2026 time 11.00 hours** (If technical bid sanction is accorded by the competent authority).

Sd/-Executive Engineer Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal.

DIPR/Koppal/659/ DeshpandePublicity/2025-26

Government of Karnataka
(Infrastructure Development, Ports & Inland Water Transport Department)

Karnataka Maritime Board

Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Karnataka Maritime Board, Baithkol, Karwar-581302
No.KMB-24/ WKS-III/2025-26 Dated: 05.02.2026

TENDER NOTICE

(Only in E-Procurement) (TWO COVER SYSTEM)

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, tender is invited in E-Procurement (KPPP Portal) to execute below mentioned work. To participate in E-Procurement, and for more information visit **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/kppp)** website. For further Extension, if any refer above mentioned website. No separate paper notification will be issued.

Name of work: (1) Providing Data Entry Operator, Peon/ Attender/ Defeder/ Watchman, Driver and Electrician on outsource basis for various offices under Karnataka Maritime Board. Project Cost: **Rs. 1,32,04,638.00**, EMD: **Rs. 2,00,000/- Through E-Procurement Only,** Last date for Queries/ Clarification: **27.02.2026 @ 17.30 hours**, Last Date of receipt of Tender: **06.03.2026 @ 17.30 hours.**

For further details and general enquiries, prospective bidders may contact the undersigned office **(Phone No.: 08382-221035/221494 and E-mail: piwtdev.wks@gmail.com)** during working hours.

Sd/- Port Engineer, Karnataka Maritime Board, Karwar

DIPR/KWR/KSMCA/1052/25-26 Dt: 06.02.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE
LOSS OF PROPERTY DOCUMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE: is hereby given to the general public that my client **Mr. TAFAZUL NAVEED,** S/o Rawoof, # 11132, 13th Flr, Tower-1, Building-1, Prestige Falcon City, Doddakallasandra, Bangalore – 62, has lost the notarized **G.P.A,** executed by **Mrs. ZEENATH SHAMSHUDDIN,** W/o Shamshuddin, pertaining to the Residential Property bearing **Municipal No.20, PID No.97-15-20, 5th Cross, Ex Servicemen Colony, R.T. Nagar Post, Bangalore – 32,** (formerly No.20, Doddavenkatappa Block, (Dinnur), Matadahalli, Bangalore City Corporation Division No.82), Presently under Ward No.33 of BBMP, MEASURING East to West: **40 ft,** North to South: **30 ft,** totally measuring **1200 Sq.ft** and bounded on the: **East by:** Site No.7, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No.10, and **South by:** Site No12.

All people are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of the said missing document and if anyone fond the said missing documents kindly return to my client **Mr. TAFAZUL NAVEED** and if anyone has already carried out or being carried out any transaction kindly inform my client Mr. **TAFAZUL NAVEED** in writing on the below mentioned address within 10 days from this present at the above address of my client **(Client Mobile : 9844081980 / Advocate Mob: 8553333724).**

SAMARA ASSOCIATES
KALEEM BAIG B.Sc.,LLB
492, P & T Colony, Nagawara Main Road, Bangalore – 560 045, Mob: 8553333724

IN THE COURT OF THE XIV ADDL. HON'BLE CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-28)
O.S. No. 5951 of 2024

Between : Mrs. Munazira Khatun W/o Altahaf Khan, Aged about 38 years, Flat No.301, 3rd Floor, No.783, 9th Main, 1st Stage, 3rd Block, HBR Layout, Bangalore -560043 **...Plaintiff**

\\ VERSUS // M/s. Ziyu Homes Private Limited and another **...Defendants**

ADDRESS OF THE DEFENDANT No. 1

M/s Ziyu Homes Private limited, Represented by its Chief Executive Officer and Founder, MR.AHMED ALI BAIG, No.485, S.N Towers, 2nd Floor, HBR 3rd Block, Opp BDA Complex, Police Chowki, Bengaluru -560043.

Notice Under Order V Rule 20 of CPC

WHEREAS, the petitioner herein has filed Suit for permanent injunction and other consequential relief against the Defendants ORDER VII RULE 1 AND 2 READ WITH SEC 26 OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE. In O.S.No. 5951/2024 in respect of the suit schedule property. The Hon'ble Court has posted the above case on **6-03-2026 at 11.00 AM.** for appearance of you personally on that day. Hence, you are summoned to appear before the court on the said date, and otherwise the Hon'ble court will be decided the matter in your absence by placing you are ex-parte.

SUIT SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the Residential premises bearing Flat No.301, 3rd Floor, No.783, 9th Main, 1st Stage, 3rd Block, HBR layout, Bengaluru - 560043, RCC roofed house consists of Hall, Kitchen, two bedrooms, along with bathroom with electricity and water facilities.

Given under my hand and seal of this court on the 5th Day of February 2026 at Bangalore.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Senior Sheristedar
City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Address of the Plaintiff's Advocate
Mr. Syed Sultan, Advocate,
S & S Law Associates and Solicitors,
No.6, 1st Floor, M.S Palya Circle, Vidyaranyapura Post, Bengaluru -560097.

Government of Karnataka
RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DEPARTMENT Office of Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division Belagavi Near Krishna Devaraya Circle, 1" Floor of PRED Division, Nehru Nagar -590010

No.RDW&S/ BGM/PB-3/TND-21/ KW- 3/2025-26/2132 Dated:05/02/2026

ITEM RATE TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-PROCUREMENT)

I) The Executive Engineer, RDW&S Division, Belgaum invites item rate tenders on behalf of Governor of Karnataka State Government from the eligible contractorsII) Indent Number:9814/CALL-2 ,9836,9837 Calendar events are as follows : i) Last date & time for receipt of tenders through e-portal: 16-02-2026before17:00hours. ii) Date of Opening of Technical Bid : 17-02-2026before17:30Hours iv)Date of Opening of Financial Bid:After Technical Bid approvalIV) Amount put to Tender, EMD, work completion period, Class of contractor ,eligibility criteria are as published in e-procurement portal. (Including Rainy Season).

More details can be had from the office of the undersigned and also through website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.inby clicking list of Tenders which will link to all dept works list.

Sd/-Executive Engineer, RDW&S Division, Belgaum

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1780/KSMCA/2025-26

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE XXX ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU
Execution Petition No.939/2025
IN
O.S.No.1343/2025

BETWEEN: Sri. M Manjunath Achari, S/o Late S Muraharachari, Aged about 51 years, R/at # 109, 8th and 9th Cross, Vyshanavinagar, Kengeri Check Post. Bengaluru-560061 **... Decree Holder**

AND

Sri. Makanahalli Girish and Others
... Judgement Debtors

NOTICE TO THE JUDGEMENT DEBTORS NO.1 AND NO.3 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

1. Sri. Makanahalli Girish, Aged about 48 years, C/o of Karnataka Rajya Mahithi Hakku, Karyakarthara Samithi (Regd), No.19, 1st Floor, 9th Cross Road, 6th Main Road, Agrahara Dasarahalli, Bengaluru-560079
... Judgement Debtor-1

2. Sri. M.J. Girish, Aged about 48 years, C/o Jai Printers, No.76/B, 2nd Main Road, 2nd Cross, Prakashnagar, Bengaluru-560021
... Judgment Debtor-3

Whereas the above named decree holder has filed the above execution petition under Order 21 Rule 11 of Civil Procedure Code 1908 against the judgment debtors for recovery of the amount in OS No.1343/2017, imposed by this Hon'ble court and such other relief, you are hereby summon to appear in person or through a pleader duly instructed before (CCH-31) XXX Addl. City Civil and Session Judge, at Bengaluru. Take notice that in default of your appearance on **11.03.2026 at 11.00 AM** the execution petition will be heard and determined in your absence. Issued under my hand and seal of this court on this 27th day of Jan 2026.

By Order of the Court Senior Sheristedar City Civil Court Bengaluru

Advocate for Decree Holder: **SUSIPAMMA. M** Advocate, O/at No.109, 8th & 9th Cross, Vyshanavi Nagar, Kengeri Check Post, Bengaluru-560060

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ
ಪಂಚಾಯತ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಯಾದಗಿರ.

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಕಾಪಾಅ/ಪಂರಾಇಂ/ವಿಯಾ/ಕೆಕೆಆರ್‌ಡಿಬಿ/ಟೆ.ಪ್ರ/ತಾಸ/2025–26/1796 ದಿನಾಂಕ:05.02.2026

ಸಂಕ್ಷಿಪ್ತ ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ)

KW-3 (ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ)

1) ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ವಿವರ.: ಶಹಾಪೂರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಶೆಟ್ಟಿಕೇರಾ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸ.ಹಿ.ಪ್ರಾ ಶಾಲೆಗೆ 04 ಕೋಣೆಗಳು ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಹಾಗೂ ಶುದ್ಧ ನೀರಿನ ಘಟಕ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ. RDPR/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT20239/ CALL-2 (Reserved work) **2) ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ:** 2025–26ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಕೆ.ಕೆ.ಆರ್.ಡಿ.ಬಿ. ಯೋಜನೆ **3) ಟೆಂಡರಿಗಿಟ್ಟ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ:** ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಮತ್ತು ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ರೂ. 93.00 ಲಕ್ಷ **4) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ದರ್ಜೆ:** 3ನೇ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟು ದರ್ಜೆ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟು **5) ಟೆಂಡರ ಫಾರಂ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ:** 07.02.2026 ರಿಂದ 16.02.2026 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4:00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ **6) ಟೆಂಡರ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಬೆಲೆ ಮತ್ತು ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ:** ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿದಂತೆ (ಅರ್ಜಿ ಶುಲ್ಕ ಹಿಂದಿರುಗಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲಾ) 7) **ಟೆಂಡರ ಫಾರಂ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ:** 16.02.2026 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4:00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ **8) ಟೆಂಡರ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ತಾಂತ್ರೀಕ:** 18.02.2026 ಬೆಳ್ಳಿಗೆ 11:00 ನಂತರ **9) ಟೆಂಡರ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ:** 21.02.2026 ಬೆಳ್ಳಿಗೆ 11:00 ನಂತರ **10) ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ವಿಳಾಸ (ಕಛೇರಿ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ):**ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ ಪಂಚಾಯತ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಯಾದಗಿರ. **11) ಅಂತರಜಾಲ ತಾಣದ ವಿಳಾಸ:** https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

ಸೂಚನೆ:– ಟೆಂಡರರಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂದಿಸಿದ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಕಛೇರಿ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು (ರಜಾದಿನಗಳು ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ).

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು,
ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಯಾದಗಿರ.

ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಸಂ.ಇ/ಯಾದಗಿರ/514/ಕೆ.ಎಸ್.ಎಂ.ಸಿ.&ಎ/2025–26

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX-IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s), Mortgagor(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Bank of Baroda,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **12.03.2026 "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/ Mortgagor/s/ Guarantor/s/ Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below –

Sl. No.	Name & address of Borrower/s, Mortgagor/s and Guarantor/ s	Detailed description of the immovable/moveable property with known Encumbrances, if any (Owner/Mortgagor name: Sri Kumaraswamy Suvarna)	Total Dues	Date & Time of E-Auction	Reserve Price, EMD, Last Date of EMD Amount and Bid Increase Amount	Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical)	Property Inspection Date & Time
1	**Sri.Kumaraswamy Suvarna,** S/o.Sri. Chandrakanth, Suvarna Divyashree Apartment, Flat No.507, 5th Floor, Kapikad Near Baliga Store, Bejai Post, Mangalore, Dakshina Kannada, Karnataka-575004. **And also at :** Sobha City, Mykonos, Flat No.7083, 8th Floor, R. K. Hegde Nagar, Thanisandra Main Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560064.	**Schedule Property:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Residential Apartment No.216, Handenahalli Village Panchayath Khatha 'E' Khatha No.150200102701021167, on the First Floor, with a Super Built Up Area of 942 Square Feet, in the Apartment Building known as **'PUSHPAM E TOWN',** Consisting of one Bedroom along with proportionate share in the common area and alongwith One Covered Car Parking Space and 307 Square Feet of undivided share in the following properties. **Item No.1 :** All that piece and parcel of the converted land bearing survey No.164/3, situated at S.Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, in all measuring 31 Guntas and bounded on the : East by: Land bearing Sy. No.164/2, West by: Land bearing Sy. No.72, North by: Land bearing Sy. No. 164/1, South by: Land bearing Sy. No.165. **Item No.2 :** All that piece and parcel of the converted land bearing Survey No.165/1, situated at S.Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, in all measuring 25 Guntas and bounded on the: East by: Land bearing Sy. No.172, West by: Land bearing Sy. No.72, North by: Land bearing Sy. No.164, South by: Land bearing Sy. No. 165/2.	**Rs. 31,63,395.51 (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs sixty Three Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety Five and Paisa Fifty One Only) as on 03/02/2026 Plus further interest and charges till date**	**12.03.2026 From 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM**	**Reserve Price: Rs.34,20,000/- EMD: Rs.3,42,000/- Last Date and Time of Receipt of EMD Amount: 12/03/2026 upto 5.00 Pm Bid Increment Amount: Rs.25,000/-**	**Physical Possession**	**With Prior Appointment from Authorized Officer**

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction and online auction portal Baanknet.com Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on Tel No. 080-5252627, Mobile: 7990483891

Date: 04.02.2026 Place:- Bengaluru Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda

THE SPECIAL OFFICER AND COMPETENT AUTHORITY, (UNDER KPIDFE - IMA & OTHER SCAM)

3rd Floor, Podium Block, V.V Tower, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001

NOTICE/INVITATION FOR E-AUCTION FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Pursuant to attachment of Immovable properties by the Government under the provisions of the Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishments Act, 2004 (KPIDFE Act) and pursuant to the absolute attachment order by the Hon'ble Special Court, the Special Officer & Competent Authority is issuing notice for e-auction of the immovable property through e-auction on 'as is where is and whatever there is basis'.

The intending bidders will be required to furnish Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (as mentioned against each auction in the e-portal provided by the Service Provider/Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only).

Short description of the Immovable Property

Properties are free of all encumbrances and are in the name of Competent Authority appointed by Government and confirmed by the Special Court under KPIDFE Act, 2004. Clear Title: RTC stands in the name of Competent Authority and Auctioning Authority

Sl. No.	DETAILS OF THE SCHEDULE PROPERTY (Clear Title by Court in order No. MISC No. 1337/2023)	Minimum Bid Price (Rs)	EMD (Rs)	Bid Increase Value (Rs)
1.	All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Sy.No. 92/8(92/105) and 92/4(92/106), measuring to an extent of 0.7892 hectares and 0.1618 Hectares respectively which is situated at Mavilayi Desom, Mavilayi Village, Peralasseri Grama Panchayat limits, Kannur Taluk, Kannur District, Kerala bounded by: **1)** Sy.No. 92/8(92/105) Bounded by East by : Mud Road, West by :NelleriParamba, North by: Canal, Thodu, Mud Road, South by: No.2 property Sy.No. 92/4(92/106). **2)** Sy.No. 92/4(92/106) Bounded by East by :in the possession of Sri. NeyyothRaghavan and others, West by : Nelleriparamb, Nayikalla Vhalparamba, North by:No.1 property Sy.No. 92/8(92/105), South by :NayikallachalParamba. Google Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/tsth7byMo7Ne6djx8 Latitude and Longitude : 11°50'22.6"N 75°28'20.4"E	**2,61,00,000/-**	**26,10,000/-**	**2,61,000/-**

Date of Pre-bid meeting & time and Place	Date of Inspection & time	Last Date of Submission of Bids & EMD submission	Date & Time of E Auction
23rd February 2026, 3 pm to 4 pm Place: O/o SPLOCA, 3rd Floor, Podium Block, Visveswariah Tower, Bengaluru-01	**25th February 2026 11:00am to 05:00pm**	**28th February 2026 Before 5pm**	**02nd March 2026 11 am to 1 pm**

For Registration & Online Auction, you can login to: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in (Helpdesk No: 080-46010000, 080-68948777) The interested bidders who require auction related information can contact Assistant Commissioner, Office of the Special Officer & Competent Authority, 3rd Floor, Podium Block, Visveswariah Towers, Dr.Ambedkar Veedi, Bengaluru-560001, e-mail ID: splocaeauction@gmail.com or Contact Mob. No 9945515174.

Date: 06-02-2026
Place: Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/5486/NR/2025-26

Sd/-
Special Officer & Competent Authority (Under KPIDFE –IMA & Other Scam) Bengaluru.

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ARM– II Branch, 2nd Floor, Circle Office, Spencer Towers, No.86, M G Road, Bengaluru-560001.
Telephone numbers 080-25310099, 080-25310181, E-mail: cb6298@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the **ARM - II Branch, Bangalore of Canara Bank,** the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM - II Branch, Bangalore** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** basis for recovery of outstanding dues from below mentioned Borrowers. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned below.

Sl. No.	Borrower Name/ Description of the movable / immovable assets:	Total Liabilities as per Sale Notice	Description of Immovable Properties(Name of owner/mortgagor to be mentioned)	Auction Date & Time	Reserve Price & EMD	Incremental value at the Bid
1	**(1) M/s Sai Akshaya Electrical** No. 123, Hennur Main Road, Kacharakanahalli St. Thomas Road Post, Bengaluru-560084 **(2) Mr.Anand Raj** No 176, Gullamma Road, Kacharakanahalli, Bengaluru-560084	**Rs. 2,84,29,050.67/- (Rupees Two Crore Eighty Four Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand Fifty and Sixty Seven Paisa only) as on 01.02.2026 plus further interest thereon and other expenses**	**Property No.1 :** All that piece and parcel of property comprising one apartment unit ,i.e., Flat bearing No A-401,in converted land bearing Sy no.108/2,Katha No.522/108/2, measuring a super built-up area of 1260 Sq.ft. situated in the Third floor, in 'A' Block, along with one Covered Car Parking space in the Basement/Surface/Stilt floor and 270 Sq.ft. of undivided share, rights, title and interest in the Schedule "A" Property, in the Apartment known as situated at Apartment building known as "Garden Residency", Kanchanayakana-halli, Jigani Hobali, Anekal taluk and bounded on: East by: Land in Sy No. 108/2; West by: Road; North by: Road and South : Tank Bed.	**26.02.2026 1:00 PM to 3.00 PM**	**Rs.29.50 lakhs EMD: Rs.2,95,000/-**	**Rs. 50,000/-**
			Property No.2 : : All that piece and parcel of property comprising one apartment unit ,i.e., Flat bearing No C-404,in converted land bearing Sy no.108/2,Katha No.522/108/2, measuring a super built-up area of 1089 Sq.ft. situated in the Third floor, in 'C' Block, along with one Covered Car Parking space in the Basement/Surface/Stilt floor and 270 Sq.ft. of undivided share, rights, title and interest in the Schedule "A" Property, in the Apartment known as situated at Apartment building known as "Garden Residency", Kanchanayakana-halli, Jigani Hobali, Anekal taluk and bounded on: East by: Lift Area; West by: Residential Apartment privately numbered as C-405 in the third floor; North by: Common Corridor and South : Area.		**Rs.18.50 lakhs EMD: Rs.1,85,000/- on or before 25.02.2026**	
2.	**(1) Mrs. Shabreen Taj W/o Siraj Borrower/ Mortgagor,** No. 187, Ground Floor, 3rd Main Road, HBR Layout, 1st Stage, 1st Block, Subhash Layout, Bangalore North, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560043 **(2) Mr. Siraj S/o Babu, Co- Borrower/ Mortgagor,** No.187, Ground floor, 3rd Main Road, HBR Layout, 1st stage, 1st Block, Subhash Layout, Bangalore North, Bengaluru,Karnataka-560043 **(3) Mr. Riyaz S/o Babu, (Co- Borrower)** No. 627, 8th Cross, 1st Stage , 5th Block, HBR Layout, Bangalore, Karnataka-560043	**Rs. 68,36,339.43 (Rupees Sixty Eight Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Nine and Forty Three paise Only) as on 01.02.2026 plus further interest thereon along with expenses, other charges.**	All that piece and parcel of property bearing Old Sy No 38, Present converted Sy No 38/2(converted vide official memorandum dated 02.06.2010, beaing NoALN(N.A.Y)SR. 183/2009-10, issued by the office of special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore), Present BBMP Katha No 91/1/38/2, Situated at Thirumenahalli Village, YelahankaHobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, totally measuring 1Acre 20 Guntas and bounded as follows: On the East by: Road and Remaining land in the Sy no 38/2, Retained by the Owners herein, West by: Land in SY no 40 belongs to Girijamma W/o Sri Muniyappa, North by: 30 feet Road and Sy No 26/3, South by: Property belongs to Annaiah. **SCHEDULE B :** 491 Sq.feet undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule "A" above, **SCHEDULE C :** Apartment bearing No 111, on the First Floor in measuring 1015 sq.feet Super Built-up Area (Which is includes 762 Sq.ft Carpet Area) containing Two Bedrooms, together with RC Roofing, Vitrified flooring, alongwith One covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages,lobbies, staircase& lift, contained in the multistoried residential building known as "SLV GREEN CITY", constructed over schedule "A" property.	**26.02.2026 01.00 PM to 03.00 PM**	**Reserve Price Rs.58,00,000/- EMD Rs. 5,80,000/- on or before 25.02.2026**	**Rs.25,000/-**

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS (a) Auction / bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website **https://baanknet.com/** Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings. (b) The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer. (c) The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process. (d) EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (Baanknet) portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan. (e) After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before **25.02.2025,** to Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore by hand OR Email. (i) Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT Acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No. (ii) Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount. (iii) Bid Form. The intending bidders should register their names at portal **https://baanknet.com/** and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider, M/s.PSB Alliance (Baanknet)- e- mail: **support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com.** EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD/Sale proceeds shall not carry any interest. (f) Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiplies of Rs.50,000/-.The bidder who submits the highest bid (not below the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor. (g) The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorized Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again. This amount shall be deposited by way of Demand draft in favour of Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, ARM II Branch OR shall be deposited through RTGS / NEFT / Fund Transfer to credit of account of Canara Bank, ARM II Branch, A/c. No. 209272434, IFSC Code: CNRB0006298. (h) For sale proceeds of Rs.50.00 Lakhs (Rupees Fifty lacs) and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at a rate 1% or as applicable on the sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the bank. (i) All charges for Conveyance, Stamp Duty/GST/Registration Charges etc. As applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only. (j) Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the E-auction without assigning any reason thereof. (k) In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating the E-auction, they can approach Canara Bank Circle office, Bengaluru or Canara Bank ARM II Branch, Bengaluru, who as a facilitating centre shall make necessary arrangements. (l) Bidder has to make due diligence and physical verification of property with regard to title, extent, area dues, etc. No claim subsequent to submission of bid shall be entertained by the bank. (m) After confirmation of sale, bidder's request cannot be accepted for refund of amount which is already paid and Bank will proceed as per SARFAESI Act.

For further details contact **Authorized Officer, Canara Bank , ARM Branch-2- (9113092975, 8921102717, 9201460154, 9483544116, 8709675503 and 080-25310181) e-mail id – cb6298@canarabank.com OR the service provider M/s.PSB Alliance(Baanknet) - e- mail: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com**

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION / CAUTION

Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back –up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

Date : 06.02.2026
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised officer Canara Bank

US SEEKS 3-WAY N-TALKS WITH CHINA & RUSSIA FOR NEW DEAL

Beijing has already rejected it; Moscow wants more seats for table

FILE: A rocket launch as part of a ground-based intercontinental ballistic missile test at the Plesetsk facility in northwestern Russia | AP

GENEVA

The United States on Friday urged three-way talks with Russia and China to set new limits on nuclear weapons, after the last treaty between top nuclear powers Washington and Moscow expired.

China has already rejected joining disarmament negotiations "at this stage", while Russia suggested other nuclear-armed states like Britain and France should be included. "Arms control can no longer be a bilateral issue between the United States and Russia," US Secretary of State Marco Rubio wrote in an online essay.

"Other countries have a responsibility to help ensure strategic stability, none more so than China," he said. Thomas DiNanno, US under secretary of state for arms control, presented a new plan to the UN Conference on Disarmament, charging that the New START treaty that lapsed on Thursday had "fundamental flaws".

"Serial Russian violations, growth of more worldwide stockpiles and flaws in New START's design and implementation gives the United States a clear imperative to call for a new architecture that addresses the threats of today, not those of a bygone era," he told a United Nations meeting in Geneva.

The expiration of New START, which restricted the United States and Russia to 1,550 deployed nuclear warheads each, marks the first time in decades that there is no treaty to curtail the positioning of the planet's most destructive weapons, sparking fears of a fresh arms race.

US President Donald Trump did not accept a proposal from Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin to keep New START's restrictions in place for another year. He called Thursday for a "new, improved and modernised treaty". Rubio said that the United States will "negotiate from a position of strength".

"Russia and China should not expect the United States to stand still while they shirk their obligations and expand their nuclear forces," Rubio wrote. "We will maintain a robust, credible and modernised nuclear deterrent.

"But we will do (so) while pursuing all avenues to fulfil the president's genuine desire for a world with fewer of these awful weapons." Trump has said he wants to restart nuclear testing for the first time in decades, although there has been no follow-through.

DiNanno accused China of taking advantage of the "legally-binding US-Russian restraint to begin expanding its arsenal at a historic pace", maintaining that it was "on track to have over 1,000 nuclear warheads by 2030". "As we sit here today, China's entire nuclear arsenal has no limits, no transparency, no declarations, had no controls," he charged.

Russia and the United States together control more than 80 percent of the world's nuclear warheads. *AFP*

MANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka undertaking)
Corporate Office, "MESCOM BHAVANA", Bejai, Mangalore - 575 004
Ph: 0824-2885796 CIN: U40109 KA 2002 SGC 030425

No: MESCOM/SEE(PROJ)/EE(APR)/2025-26/3581 Date: 06.02.2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (KPPP Mode Only)

MESCOM invites tenders for Comprehensive strengthening of distribution network using Covered Conductor in various divisions of MESCOM jurisdiction viz., Puttur, Kundapura, Shivamogga, Sagar, Chickmagaluru and Koppa on Total turnkey basis vide bid enquiry nos. **MESCOM/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT390, 391, 392, 396, 397 and 398.**

The interested eligible bidders may log on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **09.02.2026.**

Sd/-,
Superintending Engineer (Ele) (Projects)

DIPR/DK/KSMCA/1538/25-26 dt: 06.02.2026

For Power Related Complaints & Assistance Call Toll Free Number 1912

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client **A.K.Farukhi, S/o late Mr. MN. Farukhi saheb,** (Advocate) states that the Power of attorney dated 04-08-2024 appointing M Chand Basha, S/o.Mohammed Sahib is cancelled and he has revoked all the Powers given to him by a deed of revocation of General Power of Attorney dated 04-08-2024 in respect of **SCHEDULE PROPERTY** Public is hereby warned not to deal with M.Chand Basha, S/o Mohammed Sahib with regard to the **SCHEDULE PROPERTY**. Any person/s or body of persons, banks, financial institutions, NBFC's Etc.,dealing with M Chand Basha, S/o Mohammed Sahib as GPA holder of A.K. FARUKHI, S/o late Mr. MN. Farukhi Saheb will be doing so at their own risk and my client shall and will not be answerable to them.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PEICE AND PARCEL OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY being dry and garden lands with residential bungalow and Fruit trees,Mango,Goove,Sapota. Coconut trees therein situated in Sy. No.155,155/2,(155/2A),157,(157/lA),156 & 158 about **Fifteen acres** in all Patta No.56 and 32 of 174, Rajakilpakkam Village, Madambakkam Village Road, Selaiur Post, Vallacherry Road Cross, Madambakkam Tank Bund Road, Tambaram, Saidapet Taluk, District, Sub-Registrar District of Pallaavaram (Madras) Chennai-600 073 commonly known as FARUKH GARDEN and bounded on:

NORTH	BY:	Madambakkam Road,
SOUTH	BY:	Land of Durajappa Gamin,D.Paramshivam Gammi & D.Duraidevan
EAST	BY:	Land of Police Totem (DIG of Police) Deputy Inspector General of Police, Mr. Sanaulla Faruki Saheb's land
WEST	BY:	Paramboke Land and Air Force Station Quarters with the . Sub-Registrar District of Pallavaram and registration district of Chingalpet

S.B.ABDUR RAHMAN Advocate
1st Floor, M M Complex-1,No.60 Chickbazaar Road, Tasker Town, Bangalore-51.
Bangalore Off : 4148 0443 Mob-98450 83304 Dated:7.02.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from, Sri S.Ashok son of Late P.Shamanna residing at No.286/2, Krishna Nilaya, Rampura, Virgonagar Post, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru-560 049 who claimed to be the absolute owner in possession of Schedule property. If any persons has any claim, right, title or interest in the Schedule Property or any objection to the proposed sale, the same may be communicated to the undersigned along with supporting documents within 15 days from this day, to the undersigned. If no such claims are received within the above said period my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property treating as there is no claim whatsoever to the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and Parcel of the Immovable property being a Residential Property bearing Site No.17, Bengaluru North Nagara Palike bearing E-Swattu No.9085143104, Assessment No.460/37/17, presently comes under GBA, Bengaluru North Nagara Palike, Master Layout, Srirampura, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 30 Feet or 9.1 Mtrs and North to South 55 Feet or 16.8 Mtrs totally measuring 1650 Sq Feet or 153.5 Sq Mtrs and bounded on:

East by : Site bearing No.20;
West by : Road;
North by : Road;
South by : Site bearing No.18.

SATHYANARAYANA.G, Advocate,
N0.84, 8th Main 9th Cross,
Sadashivanagar, Bengaluru-560 080
Ph: 9343080908 Dt:02.02.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my Client **Mr. JITESH KUMAR,** S/o.Dalichand Jain, aged 55 Years, #323/27, Laxmi Nivas, 24th Cross, 6th Block, Near Yediyur Lake, Jayanagar, Bangalore 82, has lost / misplaced his one of the Registered Title Document i.e., Original Sale Deed dated 07.06.1995, registered on 15.09.1995, as No. 811/1995-96, Book I, Vol 1849, Pages 208-213 at the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Jayanagar, Bangalore pertaining to Property bearing Site No. 323/27, BBMP Khata No.27, Old No. 323, situated at 24th Cross, 6th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore, measuring East to West – 22.5 Feet and North to South – 36 Feet and bounded on the: East by – Property belongs to Sampathraj and Jeevibai, West by – Private Property, North by – Road and South by – Conservancy Lane, for which a Police Complaint has been filed before the Karnataka State Police, Bangalore (e-lost) on 06.02.2026 vide Lost Report No. 2047431/2026 to that effect.

Finder may return the above said original document to the address of the undersigned or to the address of my client. If any person / institution have any kind of claim or interest of any nature pertaining to aforesaid property and document, the said claims along with supporting documents shall be filed with undersigned within the 7 days from the date of publication of this Notice at the address mentioned below. Any claims raised thereafter shall not be entertained or binding.

LEELA ASSOCIATES
#569/1, New #11, Burugal Mutt Road,
VV Puram, Bangalore– 04. Ph: 8722371981

PUBLIC NOTICE

(Loss of Document)

I, Sumitra W/o Raju, Residing at Basaveshwara Nagar, Kanakapura, Kanakapura Taluk, Bengaluru South District, hereby state that I intend to purchase a property from Mr. Tejas N., S/o Mr. Nagesh V.A. The said property is situated at Basaveshwara Nagar, Kanakapura and bears City Municipal Council PID No. 37-506-417, Assessment No. 6208/5695/31, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 52 feet, totally measuring 1560 square feet.It is further stated that the original sale deed pertaining to the said property, registered in the name of Mr. Nagesh V.A on 21-01-1999, bearing Document No. 3020/98-99, Volume 2981, Pages 153 to 161, Book No. 1, has been lost. We further inform the public that after purchasing the said property, we intend to avail a housing loan from State Bank of India, Kanakapura Branch (Branch Code: 07692) and create a mortgage over the said property in favor of the bank.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (DRT II) AT BENGALURU
O.A. No. 22/2025

BETWEEN : Canara Bank ...APPLICANT
AND : Mithra Food Industries ...DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 TO THE DEFENDANTS THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION.

1. M/s Mithra Food Industries Represented by its proprietor Hema Dharmappa No. 2. Sy. No.42. Kanakapura Road, Yelachenahally Bangalore -560062 Contact : 8317321430
E-mail : mithrafoodindustries@gmail.com
2. M/s. Mithra Food Industries Represented by its proprietor Hema Dharmappa Avverahalli Shed 2 Sy.no. 82/9 Sompura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru 562127 Contact : 8317321430

WHEREAS, the Applicant bank has tiled application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against you for the recovery of sum of Rs.35.73,082/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Eighty Two Only) along with current and future interest and other reliefs. You are required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of summons on or before **13.02.2026 at 11:30 AM** in the forenoon in person or by a pleader / advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed should not be granted.

Take notice that in default of appearance on the day mentioned hereinabove the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand with the seal of this Tribunal this 01st day of November 2025 at Bengaluru

REGISTRAR
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL II

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II AT BENGALURU.
BSNL Building, 4th Floor,
Telephone House,
Rajabhavan Road, Bengaluru - 560001

O.A No.238/2023

BETWEEN:
UNION BANK OF INDIA .....Applicant
AND:
M/s POOJA STATIONERIES AND ANR ....Defendants

SUMMONS/NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23 (viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993, BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To,
1. M/s POOJA STATIONERS
No.2737/1, Basement Shop, 27th Main Road, Sector-1, HSR Layout, Bangalore-560102.
Rep. by its Proprietor Mr. Jalam Singh Rathod
2. Mrs. KAKKAR DEVI W/o Jalam Singh Rathod. Aged about ...Years R/at No.25, Naganathapura, Begur Hobli, Bangalore-560068. **....Defendants**

Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application/interlocutory application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.22,82,061.76/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand Sixty One and Seventy Six Paisa Only)** together with current and future interest and for other relief.

The above mentioned Defendant (s) is/ are therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent, in support of his/their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or **on 30.04.2026 at 10.30 A.M.** (forenoon) as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 14.11.2025.

By Order Of the Tribunal
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II
Bengaluru

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II AT BENGALURU.
BSNL Building, 4th Floor,
Telephone House,
Rajabhavan Road, Bengaluru - 560001

O.A. No. 1643/2022

BETWEEN:
UNION BANK OF INDIA
(BTM 4TH Stage Branch) ..... Applicant
AND:
Mr. Jaya Kumar M & ANR ....Defendants

SUMMONS/NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23 (viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993, BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To,
1. Mr. Jaya Kumar M S/o Murugesh, Aged about 47 years, No.27/1-1, 8th "A" Cross, C Block, Magadi Road, Bangalore-560023.
2. Mrs.Saritha J W/o M. Jaya Kumar, Aged about 42 years, No.27/1-1, 8th "A" Cross, C Block, Magadi Road, Bangalore-560023. **....Defendants**

Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application/interlocutory application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.40,53,708.80/- (Rupees Forty Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Eight and Eighty Paisa Only)** together with current and future interest and for other relief.

The above mentioned Defendant (s) is/ are therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent, in support of his/their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or **on 11.03.2026 at 10.30 A.M.** (forenoon) as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 05.02.2026.

By Order Of the Tribunal
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II
Bengaluru

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, (KARNATAKA), AT BENGALURU
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore - 560 001

O.A. No.1127 /2024

Between: IDBI Bank Ltd, ...Applicant
And
Sri. S. Mohan and another ...Defendants

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES.

To : **1)SRI. S. MOHAN,** Aged about 53 years, S/o. Sri. Shama Rao,
2) SMT. ANITHA BAI N. Aged about 46 years, W/o. Sri. S. Mohan,
Both residing at No. 100, 2nd Main Road, II Stage, Vinayaka Layout, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru – 560 040 and
Also at : No. 151, New No. 14, 7th Cross, Near Maruthi Extension, Gayathrinagar, Bengaluru – 560 041 and
Also at: Flat No. 102, 'A' Block, I Floor, ND Passion Elite Apartment, Sy. No. 87/1, 87/2 and 88/2, Kudlu, Bengaluru – 560 068. ..... **DEFENDANTS**

Whereas, the Applicant Bank above named has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against you, for recovery of a sum of **Rs. 91,51,131/-** (Rupees Ninety One lakhs Fifty One thousand One hundred and Thirty One) only together with interest, costs and for other reliefs. You are therefore directed to appear before this Hon'ble Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent in support of your defence, if any, and show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on or before **09-03-2026** at **10.30 A.M.** as to why the reliefs prayed for by the Applicant Bank against you, should not be granted.

Take Notice that in case of your default, the Applicant will be heard and the case determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this 13th day of January 2026.

Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -I ,
Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our clients Mr James Prakash Britto and Mrs Sara Savitha Lewis proposes to enter into a sale transaction with Regina. V. Williams W/o Mr Victor for purchase of the immovable property more fully described in the schedule herein below and hereinafter reffered to as the schedule property. The Owner has represented to my clients that she is the absolute owner having ownership rights and markeatable title over the schedule property . If any person/s having any claim right title or interest whatsoever over the schedule property and objections for the sale, if any the same may be forwarded to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents within 7 (Seven) days from the date of publication of this notice failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, rights title or interest by anybody whomsoever and there are NO OBJECTION for completion of the sale transaction and my clients will proceed with the execution and registration of the absolute sale deed.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Residential Immovable property bearing Old Muncipal No 33 New Number 152-33 having E-Khaata No 4916507216 B.B.M.P Ward No 79(G.B.A) situated at B.M.Kaval, 3rd Cross, Binnamangala, Near Swami Vivekananda Metro Station Bangalore-560038 measuring East to West 30 Feet, North to South 45 Feet together with the construction standing thereon measuring 1800 Sq Feet consisting of Ground Floor and First Floor bounded on the :**EAST BY:**Property No 151 **WEST BY:** Property No 153 **NORTH BY** :30 feet Road **SOUTH BY:** Property No 125

DEEPAK J Advocate and Associates
No 115,1st Floor S.S.B.Mutt Opp to Metro Pillar No 98C.M.H.Road Bangalore-560008
deepu_234@yahoo.com,Ph: 9886574035
Place Bangalore **Date 06-02-2025**

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **Mrs. SHANTHI A**, W/o. Mr. V. Angaian, aged about 51 years,& **Mr. PANDIAN A** S/O V Angaian, Residing at: No.16, A Shanthi Nilayam, 2nd Cross, Vinayaka Layout, Near Janapriya Store, Doddanagamangala, Electronic City Phase 2, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560100, We are the absolute owner / purchaser of the property bearing Site No.9, Assessment No.3, measuring East West: 30 feet, North South: 42 feet, in all measuring 1260 Square feet, situated Doddanagamangala Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, more fully described in the Sale Deed referred to below.

Original Sale Deed dated 26.02.2013, registered as Document No. BGR-1-11035/2012-13 of Book-I, in the office of the Sub-Registrar of Begur; and Original General Power of Attorney (GPA), registered as Document No. ADJ/1793/ 12-13.

above said documents were lost / misplaced between 10.12.2025 at about 02:00 A.M. and 03.02.2026 at about 03:00 A.M., at my residence situated at No.16, A Shanthi Nilayam, 2nd Cross, Vinayaka Layout, Doddanagamangala, Electronic City Phase-II, Bengaluru, and We have lodged police complaint to Bengaluru City Police Station, and the same has been recorded vide Lost Report / CSR No. 2041500/2026 dated 03.02.2026.

In case anybody having said document, shall inform the under singed and handover the same above mentioned address.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client **Sml.Lakshamamma** D/o Late G.Muniyappa, resident of Kembathalli Village is the owner of land in Sy. No. 53 measuring 4 acres 37 guntas & 33 guntas kharab, Residential property bearing No. 69/06, ward No. 196, measuring 40 x 40 feet, House property bearing Katha No. 75, measuring 100 x 60 feet consisting of 3 floor building and vacant space, so also my client having right and share over the land in Sy. No. 54, measuring 6 acre 36 guntas, Sy. No. 71/2 measuring 0-20 guntas, Sy. No. 63/1 measuring 1 Acre 23 Guntas, Sy. No. 63/4 measuring 0-37 guntas and Sy. No. 56 measuring 2 Acre 21 guntas all situated in Kembathahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, & House Property bearing Site No. 24, Old Site No. 1, carved in Sy. No. 71/6, measuring 50 x 36 feet consisting of 3 floor building, situated in Kanakapura Main Road, Shakambarinagar, Bengaluru. In respect of the above said properties My Client had filed Suit in O.S.No.1002/2023 & O.S.No.1060/2023 against Neelavathi, Nidhi Shree.R., & Lekha.R., for the relief of Declaration, partition and other reliefs, in the said suits order of an injunction has been granted by the Hon'ble Prl. Senior Civil Judge, Bengaluru Rural District, against Neelavathi, Nidhi Shree.R., & Lekha.R., from restraining them from alienating or creating third party interest over the said properties to any of the third parties till disposal of the above pending suits.It has come to my clients notice that Smt. Neelavathi, Nidhi shree.R., & Lekha.R., are trying to alienate the above mentioned properties by proclaiming themselves as the exclusive owners of the said properties by suppressing the above mentioned pending suits as well as an order of injunction is operating against them.The public are hereby cautioned not to deal with the above said persons relating to the above said properties in any manner. If any such transaction takes place the same will not be binding on my client and also initiated legal action against such transactions both civil and criminal Law before the court of law

CHANDRASHEKARA. N, Advocate, No.3/2, 2nd floor, "Thimmaiah Towers" 1st Cross, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-09. Mob:9480501704

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, AT BANGALORE
4th Floor, Telephone House Building, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

O A No.1244/2024

Between:
The Karur Vysya Bank Limited., ...Applicant
And :
M/s Sawhney Agencies and Others. .Defendant

SUMMONS/NOTICE TO DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23(viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993, BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To:
1. Sawhney Agencies
No. 134 RG Complex AM Road, Kalasipalyam, Bengaluru 560 002
2. Mr. Sanjay Sawhney
No. 134 RG Complex AM Road, Kalasipalyam, Bengaluru -560 002
3. Pooja Sawhney,
No. 1335/A, 8th Cross, 30th Main, JP Nagar, 1st Phase, Bengaluru -560 078
...Defendants

Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application/interlocutoryapplication under Section 19 (1) of Recovery of Debts & Bankruptcy Act, 1993against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.4,42,77,701.34/-** (RupeesFour Crore Forty Two Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Seven Hundred and one and paise Thirty Four Only) with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. You are hereby require to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of theSummons on or before **10.04.2026 at 10.30 AM** in the forenoon in person or by Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted

Take notice that in case of default the application/interlocutory application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this date **5th February 2025**

Signature of the Officer
Debt Recovery Tribunal-II
Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to the information of the General public that. My Clients intends to purchase the Schedule Property from 1). **SRI. T. KRISHNA,** aged about 60 years, S/o K. Thothadri, 2) **SMT. TRIVENI RAJAGOPAL,** aged about 50 years, W/o Krishn Thothadri, Both are residing at No. 4, EC521, HRBR 2nd Block, Near Hennur Banaswadi Cosmopolitan Club, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore -560 043.

Any person having any objection regarding the said sale transaction may contact the undersigned advocate with relevant documents within 15 days from the date of this publication failing which it shall be deemed that there is no objection of any nature and my client will complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the BDA site bearing No.4EC-521, situated at Block No. II, in Hennur Road Banaswadi Road Extension(HRBR) BDA Layout, Kalyana Nagar, Bangalore, now with in Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike, Khatha in old PID No. 88-254-4CC-521, New E-PID NO. 6495593506, (883540HRBR Layout, 22nd Block, Banaswadi, site No. 521, 4th 'E' Cross Road, Behind HBCC Club, Kalyananagar, Bangalore. Measuring East to West 12.20 Mtrs, North to South 18.30 Mtrs, Totally measuring 223.26 Sq.Meters,, along with 2199.998 sqft building in ground, first and First floor, vitrify flooring and brick used for construction of walls, jungle wood doors and windows, with civic amenities, and bounded on the:

East by : Site No. 5C-522,
West by : Site No. 4EC-523,
North by : Site No. 4EC-519,
South by : 4th E Cross Road,

Sd/- **M.V.Narayanaswamy,** Advocate, No.4/1, 2nd Cross, 7th Main, PNS Layout, Subbanapalya New Exten, Kalyananagar, Bangalore -560033. Ph.,9845846694, E.Mail narayanaswamyadv@yahoo-co-in

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Can Fin Homes Ltd

Can Fin Homes Ltd (Sponsor: CANARA BANK)
Electronic City Branch
No. 1024, 2nd floor, Ananthnagar 2nd Phase, Kammasandra,Electronic City PH-2, Bengaluru-560100, TEl.080-48513896,7625079171
e-mail: electroniccity@canfinhomes.com
CIN NO.L85110KA1987PLC008699

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1)]

(For Immovable Property)

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated 01-12-2025 calling upon the borrowers **Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Shashikant and Mr. Shashikant G., Both are Residng at** No.30, S R S Residential Layout, Gulimangala Village, Sarjapura Hobli,Near Sri Chaitanya School, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru – 560 099. and **Mr. Nagaraj Naik B. S.** S/o. Shankar Naik, (Guarantor) No. 1, Narasimna Reddy Building, Hebbagodi, Bengaluru - 560 100 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.20,03,107/-** (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Three Thousand One Hundred and Seven Only) with further interest at contractual rates, till date of realization within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 (of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002) on this the **04th day of February 2026.**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Can Fin Homes Ltd for an amount of **Rs.20,03,107/-** (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Three Thousand One Hundred and Seven Only) and interest thereon.

Description of Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of residential Property bearing Site No.30, Sy No. 94, Gulimangala Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru -560099, Property measuring East to west 32 feet and North to South 38 feet, in all measuring 1216 Square Feet, bounded on the East By: Site No. 29, West By: Site No. 31, North By: Road, South By: Private Property.

Date: 06.02.2026
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.,

Can Fin Homes Ltd

Can Fin Homes Ltd (Sponsor: CANARA BANK)
JAYANAGAR BRANCH
No. 69, (Old No 35), 12th Main, Jayanagar, Bangalore -560011
Ph: 080-26630776/26630501/26654305, Mob: 7625079101
E-mail Id: jayanagar@canfinhomes.com
CIN:L85110KA1987PLC008699

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1)]

(For Immovable Property)

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated **1-12-2025** calling upon the borrowers **Mr. K Syama Sundara Rao And Ms. K Devi** , Both are Residing at No 149,1st Main 3rd Cross Srinivasa Nagar Kithaganur Main Road, K R Puram, Bangalore, Karnataka-560036 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.45,82,094/- (Rupees Forty Five lakh Eighty Two Thousand Ninety Four only)** with further interest at contractual rates, till date of realization within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 (of the Security InterestEnforcement Rules, 2002) on this the **4th** day of **February** of the year **2026**.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Can Fin Homes Ltd for an amount of **Rs.45,82,094/-** (RupeesForty FivelakhEighty Two Thousand Ninety Fouronly)and interest thereon.

SCHEDULE OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property, bearing Northern Portion of Site No. 149, Formed In Property No.221, Katha No.410, Present Katha No. 956, Situated At Kithiganur Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, (Formerly Bangalore South Taluk,) Measuring: East To West: 30 Feet, North To South: 20 Feet, in all measuring: 600 Square Feet, and bounded thereon: East By: Road,West By: Site No. 150, North By: Road, South By: Portion Of Same Site No. 149.

Date: 06.02.2026
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.,

Can Fin Homes Ltd

Can Fin Homes Ltd (Sponsor: CANARA BANK)
Electronic City Branch
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CIN NO.L85110KA1987PLC008699

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1)]

(For Immovable Property)

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated 01-12-2025 calling upon the borrowers **Mr. Anand Kumar, and Mrs. Pooja Devi, Both are Residng at** No.D-4, Ashwath Katte Road, Chikkalsandra, Subramanyapura Post, Near Ganesha Temple, Bengaluru – 560 061 and **Mr. Vikas Kumar**, S/o. Ramachandra, **(Guarantor),** No.1, Saraiya, Marchahawa Mp Tola, Gorakhpur, Uttarpradesh-273202. to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.14,29,371/-** (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy One Only) with further interest at contractual rates, till date of realization within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 (of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002) on this the **04th day of February 2026.**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Can Fin Homes Ltd for an amount of **Rs.14,29,371/-** (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy One Only) and interest thereon.

Description of Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of residential Property bearing Site No. 1, Katha No. 235/1, Old Assessment No. 235, Property No. 235/1 situated at Mantapa Village, Mantapa Village Panchayath, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru -560105, Property measuring East to west (31+15)/2 feet and North to South (40+45)/2 feet, in all measuring 977.5 Square Feet, bounded on the East By: Road, West By: Site No. 2/1 and 1/1, North By: Private Property, South By: Road.

Date: 06.02.2026
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.,

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ROBERT H SCHULLER

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, **Jana Small Finance Bank** under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) ("said Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("said Rules") issued a **demand notice dated 14.05.2025** calling upon the borrowers i.e. **1) Mrs. Lakshmi K, 2) Mr. H Kumar** and **3) Mrs. Dodda Manchamma, against LAN No.47050430001119** the guarantors and the mortgagors to repay the amount, details of which are mentioned in the table below:

And whereas subsequently, **Jana Small Finance Bank** has vide Assignment Agreement dated 26-06-2025 assigned all its rights, title, interest and benefits in respect of the debts due and payable by the borrower/ guarantor(s)/ mortgagor(s) arising out of the facilities advanced by **Jana Small Finance Bank** to borrower/ guarantor(s) alongwith the underlying Immovable Property to **Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited acting in its capacity as Trustee of Arcil Trust -2025 - 017 ("Arcil")** for the benefit of the holders of Security Receipts. Therefore, in view of the said assignment, **Arcil** now stands substituted in the place of **Jana Small Finance Bank** and **Arcil** shall be entitled to institute/continue all and any proceedings against the borrower/ guarantor(s)/ mortgagor(s) and to enforce the rights and benefits under the financial documents including the enforcement of guarantee and security interest executed and created by the borrower/ guarantor(s)/ mortgagor(s) for the financial facilities availed by them.

The borrower/ guarantor(s)/ mortgagor(s) having failed to repay the said amounts, notice is hereby given to the borrower/ guarantor(s)/ mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Arcil** has **taken possession** of the underlying Immovable Property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on **"AS IS WHERE IS & WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS"** on the date mentioned below.

Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Mortgagor/ Guarantor Name	Demand Notice	Possession Date
1) Mrs. Lakshmi K, 2) Mr. H Kumar, 3) Mrs. Dodda Manchamma	**Rs.5,24,508/-** (Rupees Five Lakh Twenty Four Thousand Five Hundred Eight Only) due **as on 12-05-2025** along with future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount with effect from **12.05.2025** together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. **Notice dated: 14.05.2025**	**04.02.2026**

Description of Property: Property Details: All that piece and parcel of Khaneshumari No.36/28 measuring East to West 5.4863 Meters, North to South 15.849 Meters, situated at Virupasandra Village Chakanahalli Grama Panchayath, Kasaba Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District and **Bounded on: East by:** Racant Road, **West by:** House belong to Savithramma, **North by:** House belong to Sarojamma, **South by:** Remaining own property.

The borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned that **Arcil** is in **lawful possession** of the Immovable Property mentioned above and under Section 13(13) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, the borrower/ guarantor(s)/ mortgagor(s) or any person whatsoever, shall after receipt of this notice not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate the Immovable Property, without prior written consent of **Arcil** and any dealings with the Immovable Property will be subject to the charge of **Arcil** for the amount as mentioned above along with future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expen

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Market Watch

MARKET		GOLD		SILVER		FOREX	
266.47 ▲ Sensex	83,580.40	₹710 ▼ 24 carat (10 gm)	₹1,53,710	₹25000 ▼ 1 kg	₹2,75,000	▲ Dollar	90.66
50.90 ▲ Nifty	25,693.70	₹650 ▼ 22 carat (10 gm)	₹1,40,900	₹25 ▼ 10 gm	₹2750	▲ Euro	106.91

RBI pauses rate cuts, retains neutral stance

Governor says it's not end of easing cycle as MPC opts for continuity in Feb policy; economy to get liquidity support

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

THE Reserve Bank of India's rate-setting panel opted for continuity in the final monetary policy review of the fiscal, keeping the repo rate unchanged at 5.25%. The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) also retained the neutral policy stance, but signalled that lower rates are likely to persist for longer unless macroeconomic data or inflation deliver adverse surprises. The central bank assured that the economy would continue to receive ample liquidity support amid resilient domestic growth and lingering global uncertainties.

While the repo rate and stance remain unchanged, Governor Sanjay Malhotra indicated that the decision signals a pause rather than the end of the easing cycle. He noted that external MPC member Ram Singh had favoured a shift to an accommodative stance. "The MPC has left the repo rate unchanged at 5.25% and retained the neutral stance. This is only a pause, not an end to easing," the governor suggested.

Headline CPI inflation to remain benign

On inflation, the governor said headline CPI inflation, which printed at 0.76% in Q3 FY26, is expected to remain benign as both headline and core inflation have been under control for an extended period

Explaining the rationale for the status quo, the panel noted that since the December policy meeting, external headwinds have intensified, even as the successful conclusion of trade deals has improved the economic outlook. "Overall, the near-term domestic inflation and growth outlook remain positive," Malhotra said.

"Based on a comprehensive review of domestic macroeconomic conditions and the outlook, the MPC decided that the current policy rate is appropriate. Going forward, the panel will be guided by evolving macroeconomic conditions and data from the new series in charting the future course of monetary policy," he said.

Malhotra added: "Whether 5.25% is the terminal repo rate or not will be decided by the MPC. All I can say is that given the Goldilocks conditions the economy is in and the very benign inflation outlook, the existing lower rates will remain for a longer period. Even though the stance remains neutral, for all practical purposes we are accommodative when it comes to offering ample and durable liquidity for the growth needs of the economy."

Positive growth

Boosted by trade deals and resilient exports, the RBI expects FY26 growth to come in at 7.4%. Taking these factors into account, real GDP growth projections for Q1 and Q2 of FY27 have been revised upwards to 6.9% and 7%, respectively.

Responding to a question on whether the upward revision in growth projections suggests the economy continues to be in a 'Goldilocks' phase, he said the "sweet spot" has only improved further with trade deals in place. On inflation, he noted that headline CPI inflation, which printed at 0.76% in Q3 FY26, is expected to remain benign as both headline and core inflation have been under control for an extended period.

Comfortable with govt borrowing level: Malhotra

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra has sought to allay market concerns over liquidity management after the government announced a record gross borrowing target of ₹17.2 lakh crore for the next fiscal.

The FY27 borrowing target is ₹2.5 lakh crore higher than the previous year, triggering a spike in bond yields and overnight call money rates. The 10-year government bond yield has risen about 13 basis points to above 6.74%.

Borrowing stepped up

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has stepped up borrowing to fund a higher capital expenditure outlay of ₹12.21 lakh crore in FY27

Malhotra, however, emphasised that net borrowing is only ₹20,000 crore higher than this year's level. Given the 10% nominal GDP growth assumption and the sharp increase in the Union Budget size to Rs 55.5 lakh crore, he said the borrowing programme is "quite manageable".

With fiscal consolidation proceeding at a slower pace — targeting only a 10 basis point reduction in the fiscal deficit to 4.3% of GDP — Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has stepped up borrowing to fund a higher capital expenditure outlay of ₹12.21 lakh crore in FY27. The Budget also projects nominal GDP growth of 10%, up from 8% in FY26. Net borrowing for FY27 is estimated at Rs 11.7 lakh crore, as Rs 5.5 lakh crore of government securities are due for redemption during the year. In FY26, the government's gross market borrowing stood at ₹14.8 lakh crore, with net borrowing at ₹11.4 lakh crore.

"All I can say is that we will continue to provide ample liquidity — sufficient liquidity as required to meet the productive needs of the economy. We will also ensure that monetary policy transmission happens across markets — not only in the overnight markets, but also in the money markets, government securities market, corporate bond market and credit markets," Malhotra said. "Whatever we do with regard to liquidity will keep this overarching goal in mind," he added. The governor noted that the RBI has several tools at its disposal to manage liquidity, including open market operations (OMOs), long- and short-term variable rate repos (VRRs) and reverse repos (VRRRs), to ensure that overnight liquidity conditions remain aligned with the policy rate.

NEW HEIGHTS

Forex reserve hits all-time high of $723 bn

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

INDIA'S foreign exchange reserves rose by $14.595 billion for the third time in the past few months, taking the overall kitty to all-time high of $723.774 billion for the week ended on January 30. The primary reason for the surge in forex reserve is the rising gold prices as the yellow metal crossed $5,600 an ounce in the international markets.

The country holds more than 810 tonnes in gold reserves.

The RBI said that the surge in forex reserves is due to dramatic increase in the gold reserves valuation, which soared to $137.683 billion during the week, and the foreign currency assets decreased slightly.

In the previous reporting week, the forex kitty had increased by $8.053 billion to $709.413 billion, surging past the earlier all-time high of $704.89 billion recorded in the week to September 27, 2024.

During the monetary policy announcement on Friday, RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra said at the current level of $723.8 billion, the foreign exchange stockpile can provide a merchandise import cover of more than 11 months.

"Overall, our external sector remains resilient. We are confident of meeting our external financing requirements comfortably," he said.

3 bidders to submit financial bids for IDBI Bank

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

> **Financial bids have been received for the strategic disinvestment of the IDBI Bank. They will be evaluated as per the prescribed procedure**
>
> Department of Investment and Public Asset Management

THE Centre is finally set to complete its disvestment process of IDBI Bank by next month as three bidders — Kotak Mahindra Bank, Emirates NBD Bank, and Fairfax India Holdings — are set to submit their final bids next week to acquire 61% stake in the PSU bank.

The sale process involves approvals from the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) under the Union Finance Ministry.

The government is likely to earn ₹33,000 from the disvestment, sources said.

The government and Life Insurance Corporation jointly hold 94.7% of the bank and the rest is with the public.

"The bids will be placed to the DIPAM in the finance ministry by next week," a source in the know of the development told *TNIE* on Friday.

However, it can be noted that Emirates NBD had in August picked up a 60% stake in the mid-sized private sector lender RBL Bank for $3 billion. And yet it is interested in another asset sounds interesting.

Bumper money

While the government is expecting to fetch revenue of about ₹33,000 crore for its 30.48% stake in bank. LIC is offloading 30.24% stake.

"The entire process will be completed in FY26," the source said. The proposal for sale was first floated in February 2020 and the request for proposal was sent only in October 2022.

The RBI is said to have cleared the Kotak Mahindra Bank, the Toronto-based NRI businessman Prem Watsa's Fairfax India Holdings, the UAE government owned lender Emirates NBD and the US-based asset management firm Oaktree Capital from a fit and proper' criteria.

PFC board gives approval to merger with REC

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

THE Power Finance Corporation (PFC) board on Friday said it has given in-principle approval for the merger of the non-banking finance company Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) with itself.

The company, in an exchange filing, said that post-merger, PFC will continue to remain a 'government company'. The announcement came after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman spoke about the merger of the two companies in her Budget speech.

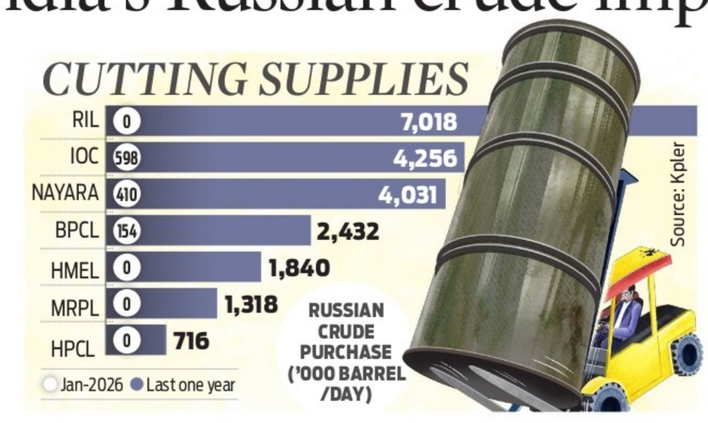
"The Board of Directors of PFC took note of the budget announcement and accorded its in-principle approval for restructuring in the form of a merger of PFC and REC, while ensuring that, post-merger, PFC continues to remain as a "Government Company" under the Companies Act, 2013 and other applicable laws," it said.

Earlier, pursuant to 'in-principle' approval of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), PFC acquired 52.63% of the government's holding in REC Limited for ₹14,500 crore in March 2019.

"The vision for NBFCs for Viksit Bharat has been outlined with clear targets for credit disbursement and technology adoption. In order to achieve scale and improve efficiency in the Public Sector NBFCs, as a first step, it is proposed to restructure the PFC and Rural Electrification Corporation," said the Finance Minister speech in her Budget speech.

IOC tops India's Russian crude imports in Jan

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi



STATE-owned Indian refiners bought more Russian crude oil than the private companies as Reliance Industries drew a blank in January 2026. Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) emerged as the largest importer of Russian crude in January 2026, with Russia retaining its position as the country's top crude supplier for the month.

According to commodity market analytics firm Kpler, India's total imports of Russian crude stood at around 1.16 million barrels per day (bpd) in January 2026 with IOC importing about 598,000 barrels per day (kbd), accounting for more than half of India's total intake from Russia.

Private refiner Nayara Energy was the second-largest importer, sourcing around 410 kbd. Another state-owned company, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL), imported a comparatively smaller volume of 154 kbd, indicating limited but sustained engagement.

In contrast, several refiners recorded zero Russian crude imports in January. Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL), India's largest private refiner, did not import any Russian crude during the month. HMEL, MRPL, and HPCL also reported no intake of Russian barrels.

India imports nearly 88% of its crude oil requirements from around 41 countries. Since the outbreak of the Russia-Ukraine war in 2022, Russian crude has accounted for the largest share of India's import basket. However, Western countries have pressured India to cut down on discounted crude from Russia, as the purchases indirectly support Russia's war effort in Ukraine. In August 2025, the US imposed an additional 25% tariff on India in response to continued energy purchases from Moscow. The US also sanctioned two of Russia's largest oil producers, Rosneft and Lukoil, in November 2025. Subsequently, India has reduced its Russian oil imports and diversified its crude sourcing, though not entirely.

According to Kpler data, Iraq (1.03 million bpd) and Saudi Arabia (0.79 million bpd) remained the leading West Asian suppliers in January, together accounting for a substantial share of India's imports.

ASIANOMICS

JAPAN

TOYOTA NAMES EX-SECY OF CHAIRMAN TOYODA AS CEO

Toyota on Friday named finance chief Kenta Kon, a close ally and former secretary of Chairman Akio Toyoda, as its next chief executive to steer the world's biggest automaker as competition from fast-moving Chinese rivals intensifies. The surprise move will see CEO Koji Sato step down on April 1. Kon, known for keeping a tight lid on costs, is widely seen as the architect of a planned buyout of forklift subsidiary Toyota Industries. The deal, which would tighten the Toyoda family's grip on the group, has drawn opposition from minority investors who say it lacks transparency and is significantly underpriced. Kon served as Toyoda's secretary from 2009, when Toyoda became CEO, until 2017, when Kon was appointed head of the accounting division.

CHINA

HUAWEI-BACKED AITO TEAMS UP WITH UAE DEALER

Chinese automaker Seres opens new tab said on Friday that its electric vehicle brand Aito had signed a deal with Abu Dhabi-based dealer group Performance Plus Motors to enter the Middle East. Aito, the first and most successful brand under Huawei's Harmony Intelligent Mobility Alliance, has been looking beyond China's hyper-competitive market. The UAE tie-up will provide its first export foothold. Performance Plus Motors, a unit of Abu Dhabi Motors "will be responsible for the sales, delivery, and after-sales service of Aito's luxury intelligent models in the UAE," Seres said in a statement. No timeframe was disclosed. The EV brand's flagship SUV, the Aito 9, has begun test drives in the UAE and Aito vehicles have already arrived at Dubai port, the company added.

INDONESIA

MARKETS SLIDE AGAIN AFTER MOODY'S CUTS OUTLOOK

Indonesia's stocks and currency skidded on Friday after Moody's lowered the country's credit rating outlook, the latest jolt for Southeast Asia's largest economy, wiping about $120 billion off its equity market in a turbulent start to the year. International investors have reacted nervously to President Prabowo Subianto's attempt to ramp up growth to 8%, as concerns over fiscal health and central bank independence cool sentiment on Indonesia. The benchmark Jakarta Composite Index lost 2.5% while the rupiah dropped as much as 0.37% to 16,888 per dollar, its lowest since January 22 and down 1% for the year. Stocks have fallen 5% for the week so far, after last week's decline of 6.9%. Moody's move to cut the outlook to negative from stable for the $1.4-trillion G20 economy.

Airtel seeks parity in AGR dues calculation

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

BHARTI Airtel on Friday said there are unresolved disparities in Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) calculations, and therefore, it is seeking parity of treatment on AGR dues.

Gopal Vittal, Executive Vice Chairman of Bharti Airtel, speaking during the investor call following the company's third-quarter results for FY 2025-26, said several areas of disparity remain. One such area, he noted, relates to computation issues—arithmetic errors and errors of commission and omission. Airtel will decide on its next course of action once it hears back from the DoT. "Once we hear back from the DoT, we will decide on our next steps. At this point, that is all the information we have on the AGR issue. The letters have already been sent, and we are awaiting their response," said Gopal Vittal, Executive Vice Chairman of Bharti Airtel.

Statement after VIL gets relief from top court

Airtel's statement comes after VIL received relief on AGR payments from the DoT, following directions from the SC to provide relief to Vodafone Idea Ltd. Under the relief measures, the Centre has frozen VIL's AGR dues for the period from FY 2006-07 to FY 2018–19 at ₹87,695 crore as of December 31, 2025.

Airtel's move comes after Vodafone Idea Ltd (VIL) received relief on AGR payments from the DoT, following directions from the Supreme Court to provide relief to the country's third-largest telecom service provider. Under the relief measures, the government has frozen VIL's AGR dues for the period from FY 2006-07 to FY 2018–19 at ₹87,695 crore as of December 31, 2025, subject to reassessment. The amount excludes AGR dues for FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19, which have already been finalised by the court. Against this backdrop, Bharti Airtel has written to the government seeking similar parity of treatment on the AGR issue. India's second-largest telecom operator owes around ₹51,091 crore in AGR dues as of 31 December 2025.

Meanwhile, Bharti Airtel reported a 55% year-on-year decline in consolidated net profit to ₹6,630.5 crore for the quarter ended December 2025.

NSE kicks off listing process, forms 5-person IPO committee

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

AFTER securing the go-ahead from market regulator Securities and Exchange Board (Sebi), the NSE kicked off the listing, with its board forming a panel to oversee the IPO process on Friday, which is likely to raise ₹23,000 crore.

The NSE board on Friday considered and approved undertaking an IPO through an offer-for-sale of equity shares of face value of Re 1 by the existing shareholders.

In view of the above, the governing board of the company has approved the re-constitution of the IPO committee for undertaking and facilitating the IPO process which will only be an OFS, the exchange said in a statement Friday.

The re-constituted IPO committee is led Tablesh Pandey as the chairman; Srinivas Injeti, member (public interest director), Mamata Biswa, member (public interest director), Justice (Retd.) Abhilasha Kumari, member (public interest director) G Sivakumar, member (public interest director) and Ashishkumar Chauhan, member (managing director & CEO) of the bourse, the statement added.

Mahindra to invest ₹15k cr in Maha

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

THE Mahindra Group on Friday announced its plans to establish its largest integrated manufacturing facility for automobiles and tractors in Nagpur district of Maharashtra, committing to an investment of Rs 15,000 crore over a 10-year period in the State, and will acquire over 2,000 acres of land across three locations.

The Nagpur facility will commence production in 2028.

The facility will be developed across an area of 1,500 acres in Vidarbha, complemented by a 150-acre supplier park in Sambhajinagar. Once fully operational, the facility will have an annual production capacity of over 5 lakh vehicles and 1 lakh tractors, making it Mahindra's largest integrated manufacturing footprint in the country.

The capacity addition by Mahindra comes at a time when it continues to see robust demand for its sports utility vehicles and electric vehicles.

On the back of multiple successful launches, Mahindra became the country's second-largest carmaker in the calendar year 2025, selling 5.93 lakh units. In the tractor market, Mahindra remains the undisputed market leader. At present, Mahindra has a monthly manufacturing capacity of around 56,500 utility vehicles, 8,000 electric vehicles and 29,500 commercial vehicles.

Adanis to invest ₹70K cr in Vidarbha district

The Adani Group on Friday annnounced a ₹70,000 crore long-term investment roadmap for Vidarbha, in sector like energy, infrastructure, logistics, aviation, and community development, Adani Airports Director Jeet Adani said at Advantage Vidarbha 2026.

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SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable / movable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 02.03.2026 from 10.00 a.m. to 10.30 p.m. [with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of sale], for recovery of Rs 1,39,07,933.68/- (Rupees One crore Thirty Nine lakhs Seven thousand Nine hundred Thirty Three and paise Sixty Eight only)** plus further interest thereon from **05.02.2026** with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from (1) Mr. D R A Krishana** S/o D Raghunath, # 233,10th B Main, Near Horamavu, Ring Road Signal, Kalyan Nagar, Dodda Banaswadi, Bengaluru North-560043. **(2) Smt. Lakshmi D K** W/o D R A Krishna, # 233,10th Main, Kalyan Nagar, Dodda Banaswadi, Bengaluru North-560043.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through **RTGS/NEFT** in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **27.02.2026 - 5.00 pm.**

(₹.In Lakhs)

Lot	Description of the immovable assets:	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental Value	Inspection date & time
1	The Residential Apartment Flat Bearing No.302, 2nd Floor, **"DEVI GRAND VIEW"** having SBA of 1500 Sqft. Along with right to use common areas and amenities and one car parking with undivided right, title and interest of 279.00 Sq. Ft. of property. situated at J P Nagar, Phase-7, Puttenahalli Ward-187, Sarakkikere village, Uttara Halli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk. East: Private property, West: Road, North: Site No:19, South:-By Private Property. **Coordinates of the described property: 12.53568 N 77.34585 E**	Rs. 52.50	Rs. 5.25	Rs. 1.00	21.02.2026 10.00 AM to 2.00 PM. with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/) portal and may contact ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, (Ph. No. 9439058121 and 9483544116) during office hours on any working day.

Date : 06.02.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Retail Assets Central Processing Centre Shankarapuram (64063)
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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property) [Rule 8(1)]

A/c. No. 40497569652

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, Retail Assets Central Processing Centre Shankarapuram Bengaluru, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 24.11.2025, calling upon the **Borrowers: 1. Sri. Ganesh Arunachalam (Deceased) & 2. Smt. Gayatri Ganesh W/o Late Sri. Ganesh Arunachalam (Borrower & GPA Holder)** Residences @ Amaryllis -1, "Chick Cottage Residences" Ground Floor, Rustambagh Estate, Kodihalli Village, Bengaluru-560017 (Since Deceased Represented by Legal Heirs) Smt. Gayatri Ganesh W/o Late Sri. Ganesh Arunachalam & Adhithi Ganesh D/o Late Ganesh Arunachalam (Minor-Represented by Natural Gordian Mother Smt. Gayatri Ganesh), **A) R/at** #No. 42, Gandhi Nagar Extension 2nd Street Srinivaspuram Korattur Chennai-600076, **B)R/at :** #Amaryllis-1, "Chick Cottage Residency" Ground Floor , Rustambagh Estate, Kodihalli Village, Bengaluru-560017, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 1,40,31,729/- (Rupees One Crore Forty Lakh Thirty-One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-nine Only)** within 60 Days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers/Mortgagers/Legal Heirs having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Mortgagers/Legal Heirs and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub Section 4 of Section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **05.02.2026.**

The borrowers/Mortgagers/Legal Heirs in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs.1,42,64,772/- as on 31.01.2026 and interest from 01.02.2026 & Charges thereon.** till the realization of the dues. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub Section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of, time available to redeem the secured Assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential site measuring approximately 1335.7 square meters, being the part of converted Survey No. 142, situated in Rustam bagh Estate, Kodihalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, bearing Khatha No.35, PID No. 73-5-35, From this said property an area measuring : 75.140 square meters, forming part of the road is set aside for the sake of widening the existing road running along the eastern side of the property, leaving remaining area of approximately 1280.571 square meters (13784 square feet) as the net area of property along with the existing super structure house "Chick Cottage" measuring approximately 256.408 square meters (2759.98 square feet) with BESCOM meter bearing R.R. No. HBAE 1322 coming under BESCOM Sub-Division S-7, HAL Airport Road, Bangalore- 560017 and other structures measuring approximately 50.00 square meters (538.20 square feet) along with bore well. The Schedule Property measuring on its boundaries and is bounded as follows:- **North by -** Measuring 42.85 Meters bounded by private road; **South by -** Measuring 43.07 Meters bounded by property settled with Mrs. D.A.Patrawala; **East by -** Measuring 26.50 Meters bounded by private road and private property in Survey No.142; **West by -** Measuring 35.86 Meters bounded by property settled with Shanaz N Kothwala.

SCHEDULE-B PROPERTY:

(Description of the undivided share in land conveyed)

An undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule "A" Property measuring to an extent of 668 sq.ft (Six Hundred and Sixty-Eight sq.ft)

SCHEDULE-C PROPERTY:

(Description of the residential apartment and car parking space conveyed)

1.	Name of the Apartment	"CHICK COTTAGE RESIDENCES"
2.	Flat Apartment No.	Amaryllis-1
3.	Type of Flat	Residential
4.	Floor	Ground Floor
5.	Super Built-up Area	2007sq.ft(Super Built-up area includes 1250sq.ft of Carpet area and 757sq.ft of balcony and utility area as per RERA
6.	Garden Area measuring	717 Sq.ft
7.	Other facilities	One covered car park space in the basement floor

Date : 05.02.2026
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer, STATE BANK OF INDIA

IDBI BANK
CIN : L65190MH2004GOI148838

Mission Road Branch: Retail Recovery, 2nd Floor, IDBI House,
#58, Mission Road, Bangalore-560027. Ph: 080-61451233/234/241/246/250/280
Email: recovery.bangalore@idbi.co.in

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (Sale Through E-Auction Only)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to **IDBI Bank Limited** (Secured Creditor), the Constructive/Symbolic/Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **IDBI Bank Limited** (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is on **23rd February 2026** for recovery of amount due to **IDBI Bank Limited** (Secured Creditor) for the below mentioned Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/Mortgagors.

Date and Time of Auction : 23rd February 2026 from 10:30 AM to 1.00 PM

Last date of online submission of Bid: **21st February 2026 before 04:00 PM.**

EMD Payment to be made into IDBI A/c No: 00834915010026; IFSC CODE: IBKL0000008 with relevant Bid Documents to reach us on or before : 21st February 2026 before 04:00 PM to IDBI Bank Limited, Retail Recovery, 2nd Floor, No.58, IDBI House, Mission Road, Bengaluru-560027.

Minimum Bid increment: **Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only).**

(1) Name & Address of the Borrower: Shri.B K Suresh / Shri. Rajagopal B K, No. 1246, 1st stage,2nd Phase, 8th Cross,Chandra Layout, Gangondanahalli, Bangalore-560040.

Demand Notice: 31.12.2024 **Symbolic Possession Notice: 18.03.2025**

Outstanding Amount: Rs.3,02,70,463/- (Rupees Three Crore Two Lakh Seventy Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Three Only) due as on 10.10.2024 plus applicable interest and charges thereon with effect from 10.10.2024. (less further payments , if any).

Property details: SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site/Municipal No. 1246, having PID No. 39-117-1246, in the Layout formed by Bangalore Development Authority, situated 2nd Phase, 1st stage, Chandra Layout, Gangondanahalli, Bangalore, now comes under the purview of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No. 128, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 17.90 Meters, North to South: 12.19 Meters, along with 12 squares of R.C.C. Roofed Granite Flooring house built thereon and bounded on East by: Site No. 1257, West by: Road; South by: Site No. 1247, North by: Site No. 1245 together with all and singular the structure and erections thereon, both present and future ther with all buildings and structures constructed/erected thereon and/or to be constructed/erected thereon.

Reserve Price: Rs.4,44,17,556/- **EMD: Rs.44,41,756/-**

• Interested bidders shall submit proof of payment along with KYC documents (photo identity and address proofs) like PAN Card (compulsory), Aadhaar Card, Passport, Voter ID card, Driving License etc. in person to the Authorized Officer at the address given above. The bidder shall have to submit the bid along with necessary documents and filling formats in person by visiting the Authorised Officer ('AO')/Branch at the address given above. EMD to be remitted to **Account No. 00834915010026, IFSC Code: IBKL0000008, Branch Name: IDBI Bank Ltd, Mission Road, Bengaluru - 560027,** by way of RTGS/NEFT only in favour of IDBI Bank Ltd. The amount of EMD paid by the interested bidders shall carry no interest. The EMD shall be forfeited if the bidder does not participate in the e-auction by placing the bid. • The AO shall not take responsibility for any dues (Statutory or otherwise) outstanding as on date and yet to fall due, including dues that may affect transfer of property in the name of the successful bidder and such dues, if any, shall have to be borne by the successful purchaser. IDBI Bank Ltd. shall not take any responsibility to provide information on the same. The successful bidder would be required to bear all the necessary expenses like stamp duty, registration, expenses, tax liabilities, if any, etc. for transfer of immovable property in his/her favour. • IDBI Bank Ltd and AO do not take responsibility for any errors/ omissions/ discrepancy/ shortfall etc. in the immovable properties or for procuring any permissions etc. or for the dues of any authority established by law. • Property will be sold to bidder quoting the highest bid amount. However, the Authorized Officer has the absolute power and right to accept or reject any tender/bid or adjourn/postpone the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever thereof. The property will not be sold below Reserve Price. • The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of bid amount (after adjusting EMD) immediately or next working day and balance 75% amount must be payable within 15 days. On failure to pay the sale price as stated all deposits including EMD shall be forfeited without further notice. However extension of further reasonable time to make the balance 75% payment in exceptional situations shall be at sole discretion of authorized officer. • For any clarification, the interested parties may contact : Shri Vithal Koteswara Rao - 080-61451250, Shri Pradip Sutradhar - 080-61451233, Smt. Urmila Sahoo - 080-61451234, Shri Vageesha Javali - 080-61451246, Kum. CP Krishnapriya - 080-61451280. **Email Id: recovery.bangalore@idbi.co.in.** • For E-auction support, please contact Kum. B M Sushmitha / Smt. Pooja M Phone Nos. – 8951944383 / 9686196751 Landline-080-61451280//233/234/241/246, E-mail: sushmitha.b@antaressystems.com /pooja.m@antaressystems.com, Website: https:// www.bankeauctionwizard.com, ANTARES SYSTEMS LIMITED "Honganasu", #137/3, Bangalore Mysore Road, Opp. to Metro Pillar P-696, Kengeri, Bangalore – 560 060.

Date : 06.02.2026
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
IDBI Bank Limited

BEFORE THE HONORABLE SUBORDINATE JUDGE AT THIRUTHANI M.C.O.P No. 94/2024

P. Indira and 2 others ... Petitioners
Versus
H. Madhavi and 3 others ...Respondents

To,

H. Madhavi W/o S. Hari, No.125, 11thMain Road, JC Nagara, Kurubarahalli, Mahalakshmipura Layout, Bangalore, arnataka-560086.

Please take notice that the above referred MCOP petition filed by my above said clients against you as 1st Respondent, stands posted on for your appearance please appear before the above said Honorable court on. **23-02-2026 at 10:15 A.M.** either personally or through your advocate, failing which the case will be decided as exparte by above said court.

J. MANI M .A., B. L.
Counsel for Petitioners

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to public at large **Mrs.S Hemavathi W/O Late Venkatesh Reddy,** Residing at #56, Abbigere Colony Main Road, Abbigere, Chikkabanavara, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560090. She has lost the Hakku Pathra dated on 10-04-2003 she has lost at Near Abbigere bus stop Accordingly she has lodged the complainant on Bangalore City Police with E-Lost dated 05/02/2026 Report No.2046838/2026

SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.186, Sy No.28,Katha No.28/186. Situated at Bilijaji Village, Hurulichikkanahalli Grama Panchayat, Hesaragatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Measuring East to West : 20 feet and North to South 30 feet, in all measuring 600 Sq.ft bounded on **East by:** Property No. 185, **West by:** Property No.187, **North by:** Property No. 166, **South by:** Road. If anyone finding the aforesaid document is hereby requested to handover the same to our office at the address mentioned hereunder.

HARISHA .S, Advocate
 # 1479. DRLS PLAZA.
UNION BANK BUILDING. T DASARAHALLI,
Bengaluru-560057. Mob No. 9060950265.

PEGASUS ASSETS RECONSTRUCTION PRIVATE LIMITED
55-56, 5th Floor, Free Press House, Nariman Point
Mumbai - 400 021. Tel.: 022 61884700
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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE BY E-AUCTION

Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rules 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the below mentioned Borrower(s), Co-Borrower(s), Guarantor(s) and Mortgagor(s) that the below described secured assets being immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor being, **M/s Pegasus Assets Reconstruction Private Limited** acting in its capacity as Trustee of the Pegasus Group 3 Trust 3 (Pegasus), having been assigned the debts of the below mentioned Borrower along with underlying securities interest by **M/s. Indian Bank (Erstwhile Allahabad Bank) vide Assignment Agreement Dated 27.09.2013** under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act, 2002.

The **Physical Possession** of the below described immovable property has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Pegasus being the secured creditor and is being sold under the provisions of SARFAESI Act and Rules thereunder on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** basis. The details of Auction are as follows :

Name of the Borrower(s), Co-Borrower(s) and Mortgagors :	**1. M/s. Concord Chemicals (Partnership Firm)** **2. Late Sri.C. Jaychandra, and now being represented by his legal heirs (Partner of Concord Chemicals)** **a) Smt J. Jansy Daughter of Late C Jayachandra** **b) Smt J. Stella Daughter of Late C Jayachandra** **c) Sri J. Richard. Son of Late C Jayachandra** **d) Sri C. J. Sebastian Son of Late C Jayachandra** **(a - d above are Legal Heirs of Late Sri. C. Jaychandra)** **3. Mohammed P Husaini, (Partner of Concord Chemicals)** **4. Kannan Y Desai, (Partner of Concord Chemicals)** **5. M/s Anil Overseas Private Limited**
Outstanding Dues for which the secured assets are being sold :	**Rs. 56,80,07,000/- (Rupees Fifty-Six Crores Eighty Lakhs and Seven Thousand Only) due as on 16.01.2026** along with further interest at contractual rate and cost, charges and expenses thereon till the date of payment and realization.
Details of Secured Asset being Immovable Property which is being sold	**Mortgaged by : Late Shri C. Jayachandra** Land and Commercial Building along with Apartment named "CEMA Towers and CEMA HEAVENA Apartment" including A, B & C Blocks being part and parcel of property bearing no. 76/4, Old No 76 in Survey No. 57, 30th Cross, 4th T Block, Tilak Nagar, Jayanagar, Division No. 58 (as per Deed Division No. 35), Bangalore - 560011, land admeasuring 15520 Sq Ft **(undivided share of 15,520 sq ft out of total area of 22,695 Sq.Ft.)** along with building and structures constructed thereon and bounded the : **East by :** Muneswara Temple presently Masjid, **West by :** C. Nagaraj's Property, **North by :** Private Property, **South by :** Road **(The above-mentioned boundaries are for the entire property of 22,695 sq ft).**
CERSAI ID :	**Security Interest ID : 400014202997** **Asset ID : 200050729416**
Reserve Price below which the Secured Asset will not be sold :	**Rs. 27,07,44,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Seven Crores Seven Lakhs and Forty-Four Thousand Only)**
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) :	**Rs. 2,70,74,400/-(Rupees Two Crores Seventy Lakhs Seventy-Four Thousand and Four Hundred only)**
Claims, if any, which have been put forward against the property and any other dues known to Secured creditor and value.	A notice has been affixed to the property by Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) claiming pending charges. The buyer needs to ascertain the same prior to submission of the bid and such charges shall be borne by the buyer.
Inspection of Properties :	**15.02.2026 from 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM**
Contact Person and Phone No. :	**Bhaskar Sarat Turaga, (M) : 9902045750** **Shankar Balasubramanian (M) : 8056178676**
Last date for submission of Bid :	**25.02.2026 till 4:00 PM**
Time and Venue of Bid Opening :	**E-Auction / Bidding through Website : (https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net) on 26.02.2026 from 11.00 AM to 11.30 AM.**

This publication is also a **Fifteen (15) days** notice to the aforementioned Borrowers / Co-Borrowers / Guarantors/Mortgagors under Rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. For the detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to Secured Creditor's **Website i.e. http://www.pegasus-arc.com/assets-to-auction.html or Website https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net or contact the aforesaid contact person/s.** You can also contact service provider **E Procurement Technologies Ltd. Auction Tiger Bidder Support Nos: 079-68136805 / 68136837 Mobile :+919265562821 & 9374519754, Email : vijay.shetty@auctiontiger.net, chintan.bhatt@auctiontiger.net, support@auctiontiger.net** for technical support before submitting any bid.

Authorised Officer
Date : 06-02-2026 **Pegasus Assets Reconstruction Pvt. Ltd.**
Place : Bangalore **(In its capacity as Trustee of the Pegasus Group 3 Trust 3)**

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Authorised Officer's Details: **Name: Mrs. Jayalakshmi** **Chief Manager** **MOB: +91 9945143159** **E-mail ID: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in**	**Address of the Branch :** **STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH (SARB)** **Building No. 11/90, 3rd Floor, Near Old Shivaji Theatre,** **J C Road, Bangalore - 560002.** **Tel : 080-2594-3663/3678**

APPENDIX IV-A [See proviso to Rule 8(6)]
E-AUCTION SALE ON 26.02.2026
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLES PROPERTY
(Excluding movable assets, if any, lying in the premises)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets (excluding movable assets, if any, lying in the premises) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantors(s), that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical** possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **State Bank of India,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As Is Where Is", "As Is What Is" and "Whatever There Is" basis on **26.02.2026** for recovery of **Rs. 57,02,607/-** (Rupees Fifty-Seven Lakh Two Thousand Six Hundred Seven only) as on 05.02.2026 with future interest from 06.02.2026 at contractual rate with incidental costs, expenses, charges etc. due to the State Bank of India, Secured Creditor from **SAI PRASHANTH .K** S/o. SRI. KRISHNA POLLAI, Flat bearing No. Ground Floor 4, "Sai Balaji Meadows" Kodigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru-560092.

The Reserve price, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), Bid increment amount and time of E-auction and the Last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents for immovable property to be sold will be as under:

Reserve Price (Below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment Amount	Date & Time of e-Auction of Property	Last Date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
Rs. 60,00,000/-	**Rs. 6,00,000/-**	**Rs. 50,000/-**	**26.02.2026 11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.**	**On or before 25.02.2026 upto 4.00 p.m.**

Tender No: SBIN400057639161/SARB/2025-26/190

Description of Immovable Property : SCHEDULE 'A' Property : All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property bearing No.2, Old Khatha, No.34/3 and 34/4, BBMP Khatha No. 206/34/3/2/34/4 situated at Kodigehalli Village, Yelahanka hobli, Bangalore North taluk presently under the administrative Jurisdiction of BBMP, ward No. 8, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder of underneath or above the surface and measuring East to west 86+80/2 feet, North to South 101.5 feet, in all totally measuring 8424.5 sq. Feet, **Bounded on the : East by :** 30 feet road, **West by :** Private Layout 30 feet road, **North by:** property No. 1, **South by :** property No. 3.

SCHEDULE 'B' Property (Description of the apartment) : Residential Flat Bearing No. G4, 2 BHK, in ground floor constructed on the schedule "A" Property, with a super built up area of 1112 Sq. ft with 1 covered car parking in the residential building known as "Sai Balaji meadows" together with all common areas attributed thereto. East by : Flat No. G-02, West by : Open to Sky, North by : Flat No. G-05, South by : Flat No. G-03.

SCHEDULE 'C' Property (Description of undivided share covered) : 310 Square feet, undivided share, right, title & interest in the land comprised in the Schedule "A "property. Inclusive of proportionate right to use in common area such as passage, Staircase and other areas of common use with concealed wiring together with specifications.

Statutory 15 Days Sale Notice Under "Sarfaesi" Act, 2002. : The Borrowers/Mortgagors is hereby noticed to pay the sum mentioned above within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which the Bank shall sell the properties as per the provisions laid down in the SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the links provided by the Secured Creditor represented by the Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, SARB, Bengaluru ie., **1) https://www.baanknet.com**

Dues pertaining to BBMP tax arrears, electricity, charges, maintenance of the flat, water bill, if anything pending and other such charges shall be borne by the intending buyer. Bank is no way responsible for payment of said taxes, EKHATA related charges etc.

For further details regarding inspection of the properties the intending bidder may contact the Authorised Officer as mentioned above or Bank's Approved Resolution Agent : Mr. Chandrashekar, Cell No. 70222 52004.

To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said properties.

Date: 05.02.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bengaluru **State Bank of India, SARB, Bangalore**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The undersigned advocate on behalf of my client **SRI. MANJUNATH RAO, S/o. LATE. ANAND RAO**, Aged about 43 years, Residing at, Ward No.23, RamamathNagara, Vijayapura town, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. He has filed petition for death certificate of the father of petitioner no.1 and 2 and grandfather of petitioner no.3 by name **Babu Rao S/o. Jotoji Rao, he died on 05.03.1992.** residing at, Vijayapura Town, Devanahalli Taluk, If any dispute, objection, regarding the same can appear before the 2nd Additional Civil Judge and J.M.F.C. at, Devanahalli and **date: 2/4/26 of hearing on at, 11 A.M. in C. Mis. No.298/2025.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Y.N. MANJUNATH, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **Anandamma** have lost the following original documents. i.e., Sale Deed registered as No.5214/2007-08 of Book-1, No. BNS-1-05214/2007-08 stored in CD no BNSD 16, total 7 pages, Date: 26-03-2008, in respect of property bearing Site site No. 16/A, formed in sy.no 10/3, converted vide order B.DIS.AI.N.SR.(SA) 138/2001-02 dated 03/10/2001 by the deputy commissioner Bangalore district khatha No 374 situated at k. Narayanapura village KR puram Hobli, Bangalore East taluk measuring east to west 3ft and north to south 40 feet in all measuring 120 sq.ft bounded.

I have also notified the jurisdictional police about the loss of the said documents Vide Lost Report No.2048545/2026, Dt:06-02-2026.

Finder Please contact or return to this Address, **Anadamma** W/o Govindappa R/a Kempathimanahalli Bangalore Rural Karnataka 562110 Contact No. 9591979996

PUBLIC NOTICE

We, on behalf of our client ('Client'), are conducting due diligence with respect to the title of the immovable property which is owned by **Mr. N. NARAYANAPPA** (Aadhaar No. 5857 73718104), aged about 74 Years, S/o Late Sri. Nanjappa, residing at # 357, Srinivasa Nilaya, 4th Cross, Gowramma Layout, Behind KEB, Chandapura Chathrakane, Chandapura, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560099 (Owner) which is morefully described in the **'Schedule'** hereto and hereinafter referred to as **'Schedule Property'.** The Owner has represented to our Client that he is the sole and absolute owner of the Schedule Property, he having acquired the same in terms of order dated 28.7.1994 passed pursuant to compromise petition filed by the parties in O. S. No. 89/94 in the court of the Munsiff and JMFC at Anekal filed by Mr. A. M. Manjunatha, son of Late. K. Marappa @ Maranna against K. Thimmarayappa, son of Late. Kaverappa, K. Thammanna, son of Late. Kaverapppa, Nanjappa, son of Thimmarayappa, N. Narayanappa, son of Nanjappa, A. Muniyappa @ M. Muniyappa, son of Late. Marappa and Yellamma, daughter of Kaverappa and wife of Nanjappa. He has represented that the revenue records are mutated in his name as per MR No. 6/94-95 with respect to the Schedule Property and it is his self-acquired property and he has unrestricted rights of alienation over the same and there are no claims of any kind whatsoever from anyone whomsoever over the Schedule Property.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that any person/s other than the Owners, asserting any right, title, charge, lien, claim/s or any interest whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Properties are hereby called upon to submit to the undersigned, their claim/s, if any, over the Schedule Properties or their objections, if any, to the aforementioned transaction. The said claim/s or objections must be in writing, together with documentary proof of such claim/s or objections, so as to reach us at the address given below within a period of **15 (FIFTEEN) DAYS** from the date of publication of this Notice. If no such claim/s or objections are received, it shall be deemed that no one else other than the Owners has/ have any right, title, interest or claim/s in respect of the Schedule Properties and our Client would be at liberty to proceed with the said transaction in connection with the Schedule Properties.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable agricultural land bearing Survey No. 26/4, measuring an extent 00 Acre 08 Guntas, situated at Bhaktipura Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, together with all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto and bounded on the :- **East by :** Land in Sy.No.23 belongs to RBD Shelters LLP.; **West by :** Land in Sy.No.15; **North by:** Land in Sy.No.22/6 belongs to RBD Shelters/ Austin Roach: **South by :** Land in Sy.No.26/3 belongs to T. Nagappa.

Mrs. Kiran F Vora and
Mr. Sandeep Lahiri, Advocates,
Lahiri Chambers, 3rd Floor, No. 19,
1st Main Road, New Bel Road, ISRO Road,
Above Lawrence and Mayo,
RMV II Stage, Bengaluru-560 094
Place: Bangalore Date: 07-02-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our client seeks to purchase the properties referred to in Schedule herein below. All persons having any claim in respect thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, charge, gift, trust, maintenance, inheritance, possession, lease, lien or otherwise howsoever are hereby requested to make the same known in writing to the undersigned having their office at the below mentioned address within a period of 10 days from the date of publication hereof, failing which, the claim of such person/s will be deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned and our client shall proceed to complete the proposed transactions.

Schedule Properties

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy. No 148/2, measuring 32 guntas (excluding 6 guntas kharab), Bilagumba Village, Kasaba Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, and bounded on:

East : Land belonging to Prabhu and Prema;
West : Land belonging to S Puttasiddegowda;
North : Land belonging to S Puttasiddegowda; and
South : Land belonging to S Puttasiddegowda.

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy. No 148/5, measuring 25 guntas, Bilagumba Village, Kasaba Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, and bounded on:

East : Land belonging to S.Puttasiddegowda;
West : Land belonging to Ramakrishnaiah, S/o Boregowda;
North : Govt Road; and
South : Land belonging to S Puttasiddegowda.

Item No.3: All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy. No 148/6, measuring 16 guntas, Bilagumba Village, Kasaba Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, and bounded on:

East : Land belonging to Prabhu and Prema;
West : Land belonging to S Puttasiddegowda;
North : Govt Road; and
South : Land belonging to S Puttasiddegowda.

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IN THE COURT OF PRINCIPAL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE & J.M.F.C. AT DODDABALLAPURA

ORIGINAL SUIT No.65/2025

BETWEEN: Sri. Y.S. Rajasekhar ...PLAINTIFF -V/s-

AND: Sri. A.S. Manjunatha & others **DEFENDANT**

SUIT SUMMONS TO UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 R/W. SECTION 151

DEFENDANT No.3: MANISH MANJUNATHA, S/o Late A.S. Manjunatha, No.36, 3rd Cross, Vasanthapura Road, Near Pipeline, Prashanth Nagar, ISRO Layout, J.P. Nagar, Bangalore-560078. Also at No. 412, 7th Main, ISRO Layout, Bangalore-560078 **...DEFENDANTS**

Whereas the Plaintiff has filed the above case against Defendants for specific performance of the Agreement of Sale dated 18/06/2019 in respect of the Schedule Property. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court either in person or through the pleader on **12-03-2026** at 11:00 A.M, to object or otherwise of the said suit and to defend the above case, failing which the matter will be heard ex-parte.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

(i) All that parcel of the land bearing Sy. No.96/2A1B, measuring 1 Acre 09 Guntas and 0-01 Gunta kharab, situated at Kasaghatta Village, Doddabelavangala Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on: East by: Land of C. Narasimhaiah, West by: Land of A. Sadasivaiah, North by: Land of Siddagangaiah & Mahadevaiah, South by: Land of Narasimhaiah

ii) All that parcel of the land bearing Sy. No.95/1B, measuring 1 Acre 17 Guntas and 0-01 Gunta kharab, situated at Kasaghatta Village, Doddabelavangala Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on: East by: Land of A. Sadasivaiah, West by: Tank Bund, North by : Land of Rangaiah, South by : Land of Siddagangaiah

Given under my hand and seal of the court on 06-02-2026.

By order of the court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Senior civil Judge & JMFC, Doddaballapura.

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ICC MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP

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INDIA'S QUEST FOR GLORY BEGINS

Spotlight will be on Surya & Co when they take on USA in their first match of the marquee event in Mumbai today

FIROZ MIRZA @ Mumbai

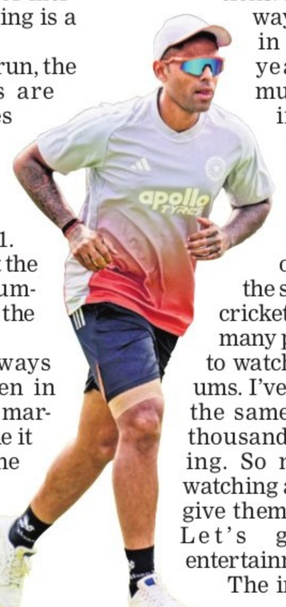
THERE was a cool breeze blowing across the stadium when India players descended on the ground for the final rituals before the D Day on Saturday -- the beginning of the T20 World Cup at home. Prime time slots are always reserved for the best and needless to say, India would be playing in the evening. Just like before a grand wedding, the iconic Wankhede was getting the final touches.

Just before the warm-up a few of the India players including Hardik Pandya and Ishan Kishan played with a group of children in mirth. However, though India play USA in their first match on Saturday, it will not be a child's play. USA are considered minnows in international cricket but they have managed to beat big teams like Pakistan.

India are no Pakistan and miracles do not repeat in succession. When it comes to consistency in the last two years India have set the gold standard. The team has been in an ominous form. During this period, they ended their ICC trophy drought lifting their second T20 World Cup title on June 29, 2024. More than a year later, they went on to win the Asia Cup played in the T20 format remaining unbeaten in the tournament beating arch-rivals Pakistan thrice including in the final. Playing at home brings its own challenges and pressure, but for this bunch of merry Men in Blue everything is a carnival to revel in.

Given their excellent run, the defending champions are overwhelming favourites in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 starting Saturday with three matches scheduled to be held on Day 1. India will take on USA at the Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai in the last match of the day.

Expectations are always high whenever the Men in Blue take part in such marquee events and this time it is bound to go through the roof as Suryakumar Yadav (*in pic*) and Co look to become the first team to not only retain the title but also win the cup on home soil. The India skipper spoke on the home World Cup and added pressure it brings with it. "I think when you're playing at home, there is always an added pressure. I'm not running away from the fact. To be honest, there will be nerves. There will be pressure. But if you see the positive side of it, there will be a lot of cheer around," the India captain told journalists in the press conference on Friday.



The Mumbai batter admitted a lot will be expected from them in the coming one month and promised to give the fans a good time and lots of entertainment. "You're playing on home soil, you know there are people backing you. Talking about expectations. Definitely the way we've played in the last 1 or 2 years. People must be expecting the same way. And we will try giving them more reasons. To stay on top, to play the same brand of cricket. There are so many people coming to watch in the stadiums. I've told my boys the same thing. 30-35 thousand people coming. So many people watching at home. Let's give them a good time. Let's give them entertainment."

The incumbent No 1 T20I side has won 41 out of 52 matches since January 2024 losing only six games. In this period, their win/loss ratio has been 6.83 and they have scored 9.54 runs per. The average runs per over only increased from thereon. Since their T20 World Cup triumph on June 29, 2024, they improved their runs per over scoring 9.85 runs every six balls. The go-hung approach might have brought down their win/loss ratio to 5.16 but it has also helped them win trophies.

Suryakumar accepted all these expectations from the fans run in every player's mind but said everyone has to stay in the present and give their best on the given day. "...we've been playing good cricket, but at the same time you have to be in the present as well. Yes, you're playing at home. You're expected to win the tournament. The way you've been playing your cricket. No one has defended the title. No one has won on home soil. Yes, everything runs in everyone's mind. But at the same time, you have to be in the present as well. You have to see what you want to do on the given day. What kind of cricket you want to play. That is, I think, very important. And just stay in the present. Stay grounded, because when you're playing at home. You want to be more excited. You want to give people more than they expect. And at times you might make a mistake. But I think staying in the present will be the key in this World Cup."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

MUMBAI MATINEE

Kishan stakes claim

In-form Ishan Kishan, with a century and a half-century against New Zealand in the bilateral series and a 20-ball 53 against South Africa in the warm-up match, has staked his place in the team as an opener. Sanju Samson's recent string of poor scores will only help the Jharkhand batter's cause.

INDIA VS USA

USA promise

In both their warm-up games — vs India and New Zealand — US have managed to touch the 200-run mark. They might have failed to cross the line on both occasions and the wicket at the DY Patil Stadium might be batting friendly but the show by their batters will certainly give the team a big boost.

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS FROM 7PM @ MUMBAI

EYE ON PAK

This is a new Pakistan who have focussed on relearning the art of this format. They have a chance to show that against Netherlands in the tournament opener at Colombo. A look...

Abrar, man to match

The leggie has, through sheer number of games in all formats, become one of the best. He will be a threat on the lower & slower SL surfaces.

Weather watch

The weather has been rough over the last few days. Considering Pakistan, at this point, are not playing India, they need a game.

LIVE @11.00 AM

Focus on team combination

FIROZ MIRZA @ Mumbai

A lot goes into forming a team combination which is capable of countering every possible situation ahead of a big event. Lots of permutations and combinations are in play to determine the squad of 15. India were no different as the team management chose the best possible 15 from for the 2026 T20 World Cup in their quest to repeat the feat they achieved in the previous edition. They, however, suffered a big setback as pace-bowling all-rounder Harshit Rana hobbled out of India's second warm-up match against South Africa a couple of days ago. In Rana they have a pacer, who can bowl a few tight overs and also do slog hitting to accelerate the team's scoring rate in the death overs. That all will change with Rana's unlucky ouster from the tournament.

India captain Suryakumar Yadav addressed the issue during the press conference on the eve of the co-hosts' opening match against the USA here at the Wankhede Stadium on Friday. "He (Harshit) hasn't been ruled out yet, but after the warm-up game, he wasn't looking good. Physios are assessing him, but I think we'll find out today (Friday). But he doesn't look good. Yeah, it's not that great," was the India captain's reply on Rana's injury.

It is learnt that Hyderabad pacer Mohammed Siraj has been called up as a possible replacement for Rana and he could join the squad ahead of India's clash against the USA. Despite not being a batting all-rounder, Rana has the ability to score runs as he has shown during India's recent ODI against New Zealand in Indore. In the match that India lost, Rana scored 52 of just 43 balls to keep the hosts in hunt for a big chase of 338. He also claimed three wickets in the match.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Pacer Ihsan set to write his destiny

GOMESH S @ Kolkata

ZAINULLAH Ihsan could not keep his phone down when Scotland replaced Bangladesh in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup. The 19-year-old Afghanistan-born pacer had moved to Scotland only in 2022 and is yet to make his senior team debut. Given all that, he did not even expect a selection, yet he was hoping for a call.

"My coach called and told me that I have been selected for the World Cup. I was shocked, and I couldn't say anything. I just thanked him," says Ihsan on the sidelines of Scotland's training session ahead of their opening game against the West Indies on Saturday.

When he arrived in Glasgow as a 15-year-old, after leaving Afghanistan two years earlier, playing in a World Cup for Scotland was not even in his wildest dreams. He had played tape ball cricket back home in the streets and had continued to play with his brother and kids in the Afghan refugee community in Scotland. That is when his brother's friend was impressed and took him to the GHK Cricket Club. It did not take long for Ihsan to make heads turn. "I told the coach that I have never bowled with a cricket ball before. They gave me a free club membership and took care of me," he recalls. From thereon, there was no looking back as he ran through batting line-ups for fun and rose through the ranks.

Zainullah Ihsan

Scotland age-group teams and A-team call-ups happened, but he missed the cut-off for the 2026 U19 World Cup. That, in hindsight, came as a blessing in disguise as Ihsan is now at the Eden Gardens, expected to make his international debut in a World Cup.

The interesting aspect about Ihsan, who pursues a degree in English, is that he did not tell his parents — who live in Afghanistan — about his cricket till he played for Scotland A. "They asked me why I didn't tell them. I told them that I am a professional cricketer now. It was emotional, but they told me to work hard and pursue my dream," says Ihsan.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Two sides with different but arresting goals

It's a typical Friday evening in the city. And typical means the streets of Kolkata are bustling with heavy traffic. The roads are jammed, the air with filled with the sound of multiple horns, contributing to the cacophony. Typical Friday evening sound. West Indies will be hoping to bring some noise of their own to a tournament they had dominated previously. **Full story by Gomesh S, visit: newindianexpress.com**

WINDIES SEEK GOOD START

THE TWO-TIME WINNERS TAKE ON SCOTLAND IN THEIR OPENING GAME IN KOLKATA. A LOOK...

Familiar forte

The only time these two teams met, Scotland beat West Indies in Hobart during the 2022 T20 WC. However, the West Indies are at Eden Gardens, where they last won an ICC title. And will be keen to get off to a good start.

WI VS SCOTLAND@EDEN GARDENS

Windies' mix & match batting

West Indies have tried to address some of their criticism as they have focused on bringing in batters capable of rotating strike. But they still bat very deep and hit a lot of sixes in this format.

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS AND JIOHOTSTAR, 3PM

Factors behind RCB's WPL success

CHANDRA PRABHU @ Chennai

CLARITY. If one were to know the the primary factor behind Royal Challengers Bengaluru's second Women's Premier League title, that is the one word head coach Malolan Rangarajan would use.

Smriti Mandhana & Co rallied to beat Delhi Capitals in a high-scoring final at the BCA Stadium. Mandhana led the chase,

scoring 87 of 41 balls before Radha Yadav gave the finishing touches. They began laying the building blocks before the auction in November 2025. "We did a lot of study on what it takes to win the WPL. We have got a very good analyst in Jay Shelat C who did a good job, brought us up to speed, showed us areas and our own review of how we played in the last three years," he said hours after Thursday's win in Vadodara. Another box that was ticked before the auction was to make it clear to the staff about the emerging trends and opportunities.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Ayush praises team, Vaibhav

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @ Chennai

HOURS after lifting the U19 World Cup, India U-19 captain Ayush Mhatre sounded a relieved person. The win was a big statement and that kept India's indomitable U19 record intact with sixth title on Friday. He attributed India's success to team work and reserved special praise for Vaibhav Sooryavanshi for his monumental 80-ball 175 knock. "It was a brilliant show by the team," he told this daily from Harare. "Pleased with the way we played in the tournament. We peaked at the right time and played our best in the final. I would say that teamwork was the reason behind our success." India's previous wins were in 2000, 2008, 2012, 2018, and 2022.

"You see everything fell in place. We started the tournament well and carried forward the momentum into the final. If you look at each and every game, someone or the other contributed. Everyone took the responsibility to contribute for the team. And this attitude helped us throughout the tournament," said Mhatre.

India, after winning the toss and electing to bat, amassed a massive 411 for 9 in their 50 overs, with captain Ayush Mhatre contributing a composed 53. "Vaibhav's innings was simply out of the world. I have not seen anything like this," he said. "It was a brilliant effort. He was brilliant in his timing and his effort helped us bat out the opposition." Chennai medium pacers RS Ambrish (3/56) and Deepesh Devendran (2/64) took five wickets among themselves to fashion India's creditable win.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Team with trophy

Asia Cup loss turning point: Jr chief selector

GOMESH S @ Kolkata

AS skipper Ayush Mhatre lifted India's sixth U19 World Cup title in Harare on Friday evening, thousand miles away, S Sharath, chairperson of the BCCI Junior Cricket Committee, was cheering for them. Led by Mhatre, India beat England by 100 runs in the final with Vaibhav Sooryavanshi smashing a sensational 80-ball 175.

Even as the celebrations continued, Sharath and the other selectors were travelling across the country, watching the CK Nayudu U23 Trophy. This win is even more special for the former Tamil Nadu batter as it is his third ICC trophy in the last four years (2022 U19 WC, 2024 Men's T20 WC, and 2026 U19 WC). Taking a moment to reflect, Sharath told this daily from Puducherry about that transition after their loss to Pakistan in the U19 Asia Cup final. "That loss gave them the motivation to do well," he said. "They played well then but had one bad game. Winning is vital, but we should look at the development of the players and the core group. I would also like to thank BCCI & Laxman for bringing consistency to junior cricket." When India went down to Pakistan in the U19 Asia Cup final by 191 runs, Sooryavanshi came under a lot of criticism for his aggressive batting style and the way he got out in the final. On Friday, he was the star plundering the English bowlers.

"We were not bothered about all the comments at all, and neither was he. But they were upset with the way they had a bad game. It's quite natural for the players to get upset. So from where they bounce back shows great character. It is very important that we don't make emotional decisions; we have to be practical in it."

"A good team is always built by fewer changes. We backed almost every one of them. It's very important to give that confidence to the boys, because when you fail, you will succeed in the sport (...)," he added.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

BATC 2026: India's campaign ends

QINGDAO (CHINA): India's title defence in the women's team event came to a disappointing end after a 0-3 loss to a second-string China, while the men's side suffered a 1-3 defeat to Korea in the quarterfinals of the Badminton Asia Team Championships here on Friday.

Preeti, Jadumani and Nitu storm into semis

LA NUCIA (SPAIN): Former world champion Nitu Ghanghas, Asian Games bronze medallist Preeti Pawar and Jadumani Singh punched their way into the semifinals, as Indian boxers assured themselves of 19 medals at the Boxam Elite International here. The women's team has confirmed 12 medals, while seven male boxers entered semifinals.

Rudrankksh and Arjun lead India to 1-2 finish

CHENNAI: Rudrankksh Balasaheb Patil and Arjun Babuta helped India post a one-two finish in the men's 10m air rifle category of the ongoing Asian Championship in New Delhi on Friday. After a relatively subdued start in the eight-man finals, the duo climbed the rankings ladder to be the last men standing.

High jumper Aadarsh bags bronze medal

TIANJIN (CHINA): Aadarsh Ram Jothi Shankar clinched a bronze medal in men's high jump at the Asian Indoor Athletics Championship here. He produced a best jump of 2.19m. "A fortnight's camp at Bhubaneswar's Indoor Stadium played a big role in learning fundamentals of indoor competition," Shankar said.

Karnataka dominate show on opening day

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

KARNATAKA bowlers hunted in packs on Day 1 to put the team in a dominant position against Mumbai in their Ranji Trophy quarterfinal clash in Mumbai on Friday.

The home side lost Yashasvi Jaiswal in the fourth over and were reduced to 39/3 in the 14th over. It was pacer Vidyadhar Patil who accounted for the wicket of Jaiswal. Fellow pacers Vidwath Kaverappa (3/38) and Prasidh Krishna (3/21) took over the show after that to inflict more damage on Mumbai. Opener Akhil Herwadkar scored a half-century — 60 off 138 — but he eventually ran out of partners. Mumbai finished with just 120 runs in 48.1 overs with Herwadkar being the last man to be dismissed. Spinner Shreyas Gopal also picked up three wickets. With their tails up, Karnataka, led by Mayank Agarwal's unbeaten 54, were 110/2 in 26 overs at stumps, trailing by just 10 runs.

From L- Dhakshineswar Suresh, N Sriram Balaji, captain Rohit Rajpal, Sumit Nagal, Karan Singh and Yuki Bhambri during draw ceremony in Bengaluru | KEVIN NASHON

Serving better now: Nagal before Davis Cup Qualifier

SAPTARSHI C @Bengaluru

INDIA'S top seed Sumit Nagal is all set to lead Team India's home challenge in the 2026 Davis Cup Qualifiers against the Netherlands which will begin at the SM Krishna Tennis Stadium, Bengaluru, on Saturday.

Nagal, returning from a hip muscle injury, said, "I want to focus on my serves. I'm serving faster than I used to. I will try to mix and match and introduce forehands during the point." India, currently ranked 33 in the Davis Cup nations rankings, face a tough task against the Dutch team, who are No. 4. With the head-to-head record tied at 2–2, the hosts, led by Rohit Rajpal, look to utilise home advantage.

DAY 1- SINGLES (SATURDAY)

Sumit Nagal vs Guy den Ouden

Dhakshineswar Suresh vs Jesper de Jong

DAY 2- DOUBLES & REVERSE SINGLES (SUNDAY)

Doubles: N Sriram Balaji / Yuki Bhambri vs Sander Arends / David Pel

Sumit Nagal vs Jesper de Jong

Dhakshineswar Suresh vs Guy den Ouden

World No. 2 (Doubles) Yuki Bhambri said, "My focus is on pushing my ranking higher, and that will allow me to be in the Davis Cup team. (Sriram) Balaji and I have known each other for a long time and understand each other's game. The Dutch play fast tennis. We expect plenty of swing off their serves. We're ready. If there's less wind on Sunday, it should make conditions better."

SPOTLIGHT

IN THE TRAIL OF TURTLES

With the Centre announcing to develop turtle trails in three states, we look at the nesting grounds of the magnificent marine species

ODISHA

1 The eastern state is the largest rookery of the Olive Ridley sea turtles. Of three nesting grounds, Rushikulya river mouth (Ganjam) and Gahirmatha marine sanctuary (Kendrapara) have, historically, recorded the largest congregations.

A 10-km stretch of Rushikulya beach saw 9.04 lakh turtles come ashore in 2025. At least 6.07 lakh turtles laid eggs at Gahirmatha which hosts Nasi-I and Nasi-II, two tiny islands. Devi estuary in Puri witnesses sporadic nesting

KARNATAKA

2 After Odisha's coastline, the 18 beaches along Karnataka's coastline offer promising potential for Olive Ridley turtles. One beach in Mangaluru, two in Udupi and 15 in Uttara Kannada have been identified and documented by Forest department and experts working on Olive Ridley Turtles along Karnataka, where the solitary turtles visit to lay eggs

KERALA

3 The marine species arrive at Thottappally beach in Alappuzha and beaches in Thiruvananthapuram such as Veli, Thumba and Shangumugham. The turtles face threats from coastal seawall construction and habitat loss but community-based initiatives have shown encouraging results.

WARMING WINTERS, EXTREME SNOWFALL

MILAN–CORTINA OLYMPICS OPEN UNDER THE SHADOW OF CLIMATE VOLATILITY

93 CO_2 kt A new report, Olympics Torched, estimates that the core activities of the Milan–Cortina Olympics will generate around 930,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO_2e), with spectator travel accounting for roughly 410,000 tCO_2e alone

SV KRISHNA CHAITANYA @ Chennai

THE Milan–Cortina Winter Olympics officially opened on Friday, but the Games have already offered a contradicting preview of how climate change is reshaping winter sport. On February 4, heavy snowfall forced organisers to cancel the first women's downhill training session, an early disruption that highlights the growing unpredictability of alpine weather. "Wednesday's heavy snowfall is a reminder of how unpredictable winter weather has become," said Davide Faranda, climatologist and research director at CNRS and founder of ClimaMeter. "Climate change, driven by the burning of fossil fuels, is warming winter temperatures, leading to fewer freezing days each year and making natural snow a lot less reliable. At the same time, a warmer atmosphere can hold more moisture, so when cold spells do occur, they can bring intense snowfalls."

Faranda described the timing of the storm as "almost a stroke of luck", noting that such volatility, warmer winters punctuated by short bursts of extreme snowfall, is becoming increasingly difficult to predict, with direct consequences for winter sports scheduling, safety and fairness. The Games are being held in a significantly warmer climate than when Cortina d'Ampezzo last hosted the Winter Olympics in 1956. Climate data show that February temperatures in the alpine town have risen by 3.6 degree Celsius over the past 70 years, resulting in 41 fewer freezing days annually, a nearly 19% decline. Average February temperatures, once well below freezing, are now edging closer to the thaw point, eroding the reliability of natural snow.

"These trends are not unique to Italy. Climate data show a reduced number of days with snow cover, particularly at lower altitudes, making winter snow sport in these regions increasingly uncertain," said Stefan Uhlenbrook, director of hydrology at the World Meteorological Organisation.

A recent Climate Central analysis found that all cities that have hosted the Winter Olympics since 1950 have warmed, on average, by about 2.7 degree Celsius. Under current emissions trajectories, only around half of today's Winter Olympic host locations are expected to remain climatically viable by the 2050s. The outlook is even more precarious for the Paralympic Winter Games, which are held in March, when temperatures are warmer and the risk of rain is higher. To compensate for dwindling natural snow, organisers of the Milan–Cortina Games are relying heavily on artificial snow, more than three million cubic yards of it, highlighting how energy and water intensive adaptations are becoming central to hosting the Olympics.

Beyond the weather itself, the carbon footprint of the Games has come under intense scrutiny. A new report, Olympics Torched, estimates that the core activities of the Milan–Cortina Olympics will generate around 930,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO_2e), with spectator travel accounting for roughly 410,000 tCO_2e alone. When emissions "induced" by high-carbon sponsors are included, the total climate impact rises sharply. According to the report, sponsorships by fossil fuel major Eni, carmaker Stellantis and airline ITA Airways could add an estimated 1.3 million tCO_2e, about 40% more than the Games' official emissions footprint. These additional emissions are projected to contribute to the future loss of several square kilometres of snow cover and tens of millions of tonnes of glacier ice, directly undermining the environmental foundation on which winter sports depend.

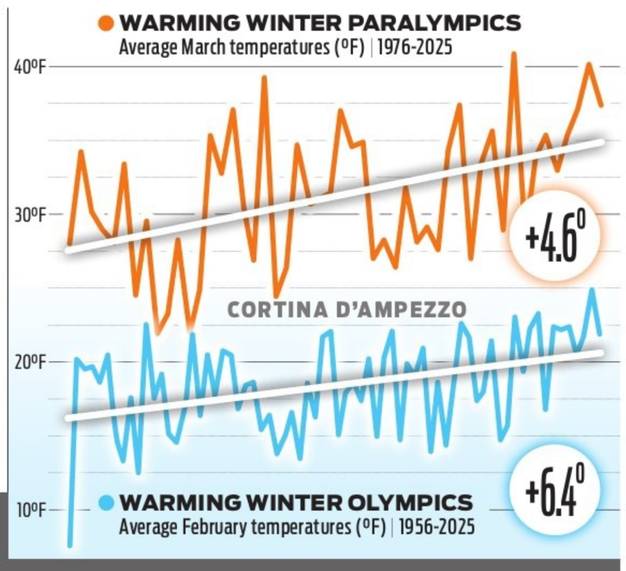
"The Winter Olympics once showed it can lead to progress," said Andrew Simms, co-director of the New Weather Institute. "Inspired by athletes, health experts and scientists, it was the Calgary Games in 1988 that took a decisive stand against tobacco advertising. Now the death toll from air pollution caused by burning fossil fuels is on a par with tobacco. It's time for the Olympics to follow its own precedent and end sponsorships that threaten not just athletes, but the very existence of winter sport."

Public sentiment appears to be shifting in that direction. Recent polling across major winter sports nations found that roughly eight in ten respondents support ending fossil fuel advertising and sponsorship in winter sports, reflecting growing discomfort with what critics describe as greenwashing.

FEWER FREEZING DAYS FOR THE WINTER OLYMPICS

214 DAYS (1956-1965)

173 DAYS (2016-2025)



> The joy of snow and ice and cold winters is something to cherish. If governing bodies like the IOC truly care about the future of winter sports, the most meaningful step would be to stop promoting polluting companies that are ruining that future —Anna Jonsson, New Weather Institute

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IN THE COURT OF THE 39TH ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE

P & SC. No. 555/2025

Petitioner : Smt. Sathyavathi .C.S, W/o. Late H.S. Gundurao, aged about 69 years, R/at. No. 07, Sri Ganghadhareshwara Temple Street, Ward No. 1, Kote, Malavalli, Mandya-571430.

V/s

Respondent : Nil

PUBLIC NOTICE

Where the above named has made petition to this court under Section 372 of Indian Succession Act for the grant of Succession Certificate in favour of the petitioner, in respect of Schedule mentioned below. The below mentioned schedule has held by Father of petitioner herein who expired on 21/06/2025.

Interested parties are hereby called upon to appear before this court in person or by pleader duly instructed **on 25.02.2026 at 11.00 a.m.** inform the appearance will be heard and declared as Ex- parte.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 188 (southern portion) Khatha No. 217/358/188, formed out of converted Sy.No. 27/3 and 28 situated at Chikkabettahalli Village, Yelhanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk now come under BBMP limits, Totally 563.5 Sq.ft. out measuring East to West, Northern side 33 ft, Southern side 8.5 ft (33+8.5)/2 and North to South 58 ft totally 1203.5 Sqft which is morefully described in the Schedule hereunder, along with 5 squares Ground floor, 5 squares First floor, and 5 squares Second floor R.C.C. roofed building, Mosaic flooring Doors, windows made by Jungle Wood with all civic amenities thereon and bounded on the:-

East by: Road, **West by:** others property (Road), **North by:** Remaining Portion of the Same Site No. 188 , **South by :** others Property (Road).

Given under my hand and seal of the issued on day of Signature 02.02.2026.

By Order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Address for Service :
Dr. B. Manjunath & Associates
Ooliga Complex, No. 32 & 33, 2nd Floor, Sampige Road, Between 8th and 9th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intended to purchase **the** Schedule Property from **Smt. Lakshmikantharaj Geetha W/o Sri Lakshmiakantataraju N**, residing at No. 3, Sirur Park Road, Seshadripuram Bangalore-560020 and she is claiming that she is the sole absolute owner of the schedule property, for valuable sale consideration.

If any person/s having any claim, right, title, interest, whatsoever over the Schedule Property, may forward his/her/their objections in writing with supporting documents to the undersigned within **TEN DAYS** from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which, it will be deemed that, there is no claim, right, title or interest from anybody except the sellers, and my client will proceed for completion of purchase transaction and will get registered the Absolute Sale Deed of schedule property in their names.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Present Municipal No. 33 (Old No.11, then No. 2102/1), PID No. 6-13-33, **EPID No. 3159307036,** situated at **Sirur Park Road, (earlier known as South End Road (Link Road), Seshadripuram, Bangalore**, measuring East to West **50 feet** and North to South **45 feet,** total measuring **2250 Square feet** along with building constructed thereon and bounded on:

East by : Sirur Park Road, (earlier known as South End Road (Link Road), **West by :** R. Krishna Iyer's House **North by :** Conservancy **South by :** Old Property No. 2102.

K.V.Shyama Prasada
Advocate
No.100, II Floor 14th Cross, Kilari Road
BANGALORE - 560 053

PLACE: BANGALORE DATE: 06.02.2026

AXIS BANK

Plot No. 41, Seshadri Road, Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore-560009

DEMAND NOTICE

A notice is hereby given that the following borrowers have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of credit facilities obtained by them from the bank and said facilities have turned in to Non-performing Assets. The notices were issued to them under section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002 on their last known addresses, however the same have returned unserved and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.

Sl. No.	Name & Address of the Borrower	Property Address on Which Loan Availed	Notice Date	Bal. O/S (Claimed) in Rs.
1.	**(1) Mr.Mohamed Nadeemuddin** S/o.Mr.Mohamed Nizamuddin, **(2) Mrs. Fouzia Tabassum** D/o. Mr.Mohamed Nizamuddin, **Both are residing at:** 92, Ist Floor, 4th Main Minaj Nagar, Bangalore-560078. **Also at:** 2703, 27th Floor, Mantri Pinnacle, Behind Meenakshi Mall, Banner Ghatta Road, 560076.	**Description Of The Property Belongs To Mr. Mohamed Nadeemuddin SCHEDULE A PROPERTY :** All that piece and parcel of vacant immovable converted property bearing Khatha No.1143/60/1, (Sy.No.60/1) Hulimavu Village, Arakere Sub-division, Bommanahalli Zone, Bangalore, measuring 11,335.28 sq.mtrs., out of which an extent of 2,262.81 sq.mtrs. has been relinquished in favour of BBMP for purpose of road widening and the remaining extent of land measuring 9072.47 sq. mtrs., is bounded as follows: East by : Property belonging to Islamic Institute of Technology/Sy. No.60/2, West by : Property belonging to Sri. Narayana Reddy & Road, North by : Ramalingeshwara Cave Temple Road, South by : Property belonging to Doddabyranna & Islamic Institute of Technology. **SCHEDULE B : (Property hereby conveyed)** The undivided right, title and interest in the Schedule "A" Property, proportionate to the Super built up area of the Apartment in the project, as set out in Annexure A. **For any clarification, please contact Mr. Prem, Mobile No. 8880041234.**	**29.12.2025 NPA Date 05.11.2025**	**POWER HOME Loan A/c No. PHR000900931700 Amount : Rs. 1,52,88,888/- Total O/s Amount: Rs. 30,57,683/- as on 26.12.2025**

Please note that as mention in sub–sec. 13 of sec.-13 of the aforesaid Act, you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of the assets stated under security referred to in this notice without prior written consent of our bank.

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrowers and/ or the guarantors (where ever applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice as per the provision of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002. Please note that under Section 13(13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, after Receipt of Notice referred to in Sub-section (2), transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

The Borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of sections 13 of the Act. The borrowers may redeem the secured assets by paying the dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction or inviting quotations or tender from public or private treaty for transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale of the secured assets.

Date : 06.02.2026
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Axis Bank Ltd.

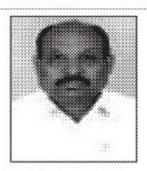
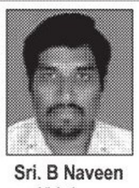
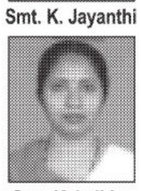
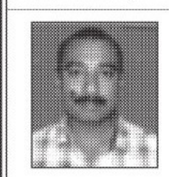
THE HANUMANTHANAGAR CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

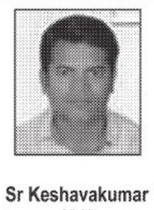
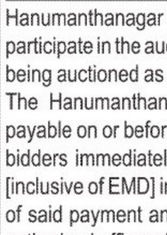
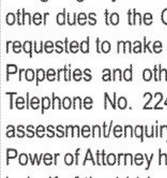
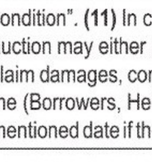
H.O. : # 7/29, 3rd Main Road, 1st Cross, Hanumanthanagar, Bangalore-560 019, Telephone: 080-22428985, 26507976

SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH PUBLIC AUCTION

Auction Sale under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Finiancial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 section 13(4) of the immovable properties mortgaged to The Hanumanthanagar Co-operative Bank Limited, is brought to Sale under "AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION". The public auction will be conducted in Hanumanumanthanagar Head Office.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Loanee Name	Balance Amount & Details of Immovable Property acquired	Reserved Price, Property Measurement Schedule, Auction Date & Time
 Sri. K. Balakrishna Smt. K. Lalitha (Surety) Smt. B. Yashodha	**Rs. 1,53,17,588/- Subsequent interest and other charges from Date 03-02-2026** **SCHEDULE- A** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No. 437, New No 30, MIGHS, situated at 6th Cross, W.K.P.Road, 7th Block West, Jayanagara, Now comes under BBMP (Yediyur Range) Bengaluru. With **Measuring East to West : 40'-00 Feet North to South : 60'-00" Feet, East by :** Property No.438, **West by :** Property No.436, **North by :** Property No.430, **South by :** Road.	**Rs. 97,16,000/- B** Flat bearing No 202 (Old No. 30/2), Southern Portion in the Second Floor of the Apartment building, built on the schedule 'A' Property, on site No. 437, MIGHS, Situated at 6th Cross, W.K.P.Road, 7th Block West, Jayanagara, BBMP (Yediyur Range) Bengaluru together with 1150 Sq ft Super Built Up area along with 266.60 Sq ft of UDS along with one covered Car parking area in stilt floor of the land comprised in Schedule "A" Property. **Date : 11.03.2026 Wednesday, 11.00 am**
 Sri. B Naveen Krishna Smt. K. Lalitha (Surety) Sri. K. Balakrishna	**Rs. 1,52,87,874/- Subsequent interest and other charges from Date 03-02-2026** **SCHEDULE-A** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No. 437, New No 30, MIGHS, situated at 6th Cross, W.K.P. Road, 7th Block West, Jayanagara, Now comes under BBMP (Yediyur Range) Bengaluru. With Measuring **East to West : 40'-00 Feet, North to South : 60'-00" Feet, East by :** Property No.438, **West by :** Property No.436, **North by :** Property No.430, **South by :** Road.	**Rs. 97,16,000/- B** Flat bearing No 201(Old No. 30/3), Northern Portion in the Second Floor of the Apartment building, built on the schedule 'A' Property, on site No. 437, MIGHS, Situated at 6th Cross, W.K.P.Road, 7th Block West, Jayanagara, BBMP (Yediyur Range) Bengaluru together with 1150 Sq ft Super Built Up area along with 266.60 Sq ft of UDS along with one covered Car parking area in stilt floor of the land comprised in Schedule "A" Property. **Date : 11.03.2026 Wednesday, 11.00 am**
Smt. K. Jayanthi  Smt. K. Lalitha (Surety) Sri. Dhathatreya V.	**Rs. 1,46,25,885/- Subsequent interest and other charges from Date 03-02-2026** **SCHEDULE-A** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No. 437, New No 30, MIGHS, situated at 6th Cross, W.K.P. Road, 7th Block West, Jayanagara, Now comes under BBMP (Yediyur Range) Bengaluru. With Measuring **East to West : 40'-00 Feet. North to South : 60'-00" Feet, East by :** Property No.438, **West by :** Property No.436, **North by :** Property No.430, **South by:** Road.	**Rs. 97,16,000/- B** Flat bearing No 302 (Old No. 306), southern Portion in the Third Floor of the Apartment building, built on the schedule 'A' Property, on site No. 437, MIGHS, Situated at 6th Cross, W.K.P.Road, 7th Block West, Jayanagara, BBMP (Yediyur Range) Bengaluru together with 1150 Sq ft Super Built Up area along with 266.60 Sq ft of UDS along with one covered Car parking area in stilt floor of the land comprised in Schedule "A" Property. **Date : 11.03.2026 Wednesday, 11.00 am**
 Sri V. Dhathatreya (Surety) Smt. K. Jayanthi	**Rs. 1,19,63,831/- Subsequent interest and other charges from Date : 03-02-2026** **SCHEDULE- A** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No. 437, New No 30, MIGHS, situated at 6th Cross, W.K.P.Road, 7th Block West, Jayanagara, Now comes under BBMP (Yediyur Range) Bengaluru. With Measuring **East to West : 40'-00 Feet, North to South : 60'-00" Feet, East by :** Property No.438, **West by :** Property No.436, **North by :** Property No.430, **South by:** Road.	**Rs. 97,16,000/- B** Flat bearing No 301(Old No. 305), Northern Portion in the Third Floor of the Apartment building, built on the schedule 'A' Property, on site No. 437, MIGHS, Situated at 6th Cross, W.K.P.Road, 7th Block West, Jayanagara, BBMP (Yediyur Range) Bengaluru together with 1150 Sq ft Super Built Up area along with 266.60 Sq ft of UDS along with one covered Car parking area in stilt floor of the land comprised in Schedule "A" Property. **Date : 11.03.2026 Wednesday, 11.00 am**

 Smt. Mahadevamma R Sri B. Krishna Murthy	**Rs. 21,49,698/- Subsequent interest and other charges from Date : 03-02-2026** All the piece and Parcel of the property bearing Site No.4, Katha No.156, Nayandahalli Village, Sy.No.50, Gramatana Katha No.117, Houselist No.178, Saraki Notified Area Committee Katha No.109/156, Municipal No.156 Situated at 1st Main Road, Pantharapalya, Harijana Colony, Now Comes under B.B.M.P. (Chandra Layout Range) Bangalore. With PID No 39-278-156	**Rs. 36,71,235/-** **East to West: 40'-00" Feet North to South : 15'-00" Feet** **East by :** Road, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Property of Ravi Industries, **South by :** Property of Mahimappa **Date : 12.03.2026, Thursday At 12-00 P.M.**
 Sr Keshavakumar M K Smt. Bhagya M Smt. Dhanalakshmi M K Sri Mohan Dev M K Sri Vinay Kumar N S (Surety)	**Rs.57,68,649/- Subsequent interest and other charges from Date: : 03-02-2026** All the piece and Parcel of the property bearing No.87/1, formed in Sy.No.38/5, Katha No.658/87/1/38/5/653, Old Katha No.142/1 Situated at Srigandadakaval Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Now Comes under Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, (R R Nagar Sub-Division) Bangalore.	**Rs.93,80,531/-** **East to West: 43'-00" Feet and North to South : 26'-00" Feet** **East by :** Site No.86 **West by :** Property Belongs to Rajajinagar HBCS **North by :** Site No.87 **South by :** Road **Date : 12.03.2026, Thursday At 03-00 P.M.**
 Sri Parashiva J  Smt. Mahalakshmi B Sri Srinivas M (Surety)	**Rs. 26,25,104/- Subsequent interest and other charges from Date : 03-02-2026** **SCHEDULE – A** All the piece and parcel of property bearing Katha No.144/144, (187/144) situated at Agara Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now comes under Agara Village Panchayath, Bangalore South Taluk, Bengaluru.	**Rs. 97,21,000/-** **East to West : 96'-00" + 105'-00" / 2 Feet** **North to South : 41'-00" + 58'-00" / 2 Feet** **East by :** Road, **West by :** Puttarudramma's Property, **North by :** House belongs to Ragava, **South by :** Own Property. **Date : 12.03.2026, Thursday At 04-00 P.M.**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AUCTION : (1) The Public Auction will be conducted at The Hanumanthanagar Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Hanumanthanagar Head Office. The intending bidder for to participate in the auction has to deposit an amount equivalent to 10% of the reserve price of the properties being auctioned as a refundable "Earnest Money Deposit" (EMD) by way of D.D./Pay Order in favour of The Hanumanthanagar Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Hanumanthanagar Head Office, Bangalore and payable on or before one day of auction date. **(2)** The EMD amount will be refunded to the unsuccessful bidders immediately after the auction. **(3)** The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the amount [inclusive of EMD] immediately on the same day of the sale being confirmed in his/her favour. On receipt of said payment and verification of KYC documents with originals (Photo ID and Address Proof), the authorized officer shall issue letter of sale confirmation and the balance amount shall be paid before 30 days. **(4)** The amount remitted by the successful bidder is liable to forfeited by the bank without any prior notice if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms of this notice and commits default in any manner and the property will be re-auctioned. **(5)** The successful bidder shall bear all the legal/incidental expenses like Stamp Duty, Registration Fee Taxes, TDS, Statutory Dues, (if any) etc., as applicable. **(6)** The authorized officer shall have power to accept or reject bids or postpone/cancel the auction without assigning any reason thereof. **(7)** The Bank will not be liable for any arrears of tax, any charge, lien or any other dues to the Government or anyone else in respect of the property auctioned. The bidders are requested to make discrete enquires in this behalf with concerned authorities. **(8)** For Inspection of the Properties and other particulars the intending bidders may contact the Authorised Officer at A.O. Telephone No. 22428985, 26507976 or Branch Manager. They are at liberty to make their own assessment/enquiry about the properties and any other encumbrances on the properties. **(9)** General Power of Attorney holders, agents and any other persons are not allowed to participate in the auction on behalf of the bidders. **(10)** The properties has brought for sale on "as in where is and whatever there is condition". **(11)** In case of stay of further proceedings by DRT/DRAT/High Court or any other court, the auction may either be deferred or cancelled and persons participating in the sale shall have no right to claim damages, compensation or cost for such postponement or cancellation. **(12)** This is also notice to the (Borrowers, Heirs, Guarantors/Mortgagors) aforesaid loan about holding of auction sale on above mentioned date if their dues are not repaid in full.

Date : 04.02.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-
Authorised Officer & General Manager (Incharge)
The Hanumanthanagar Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,
Bengaluru-560019.

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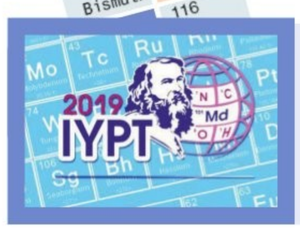


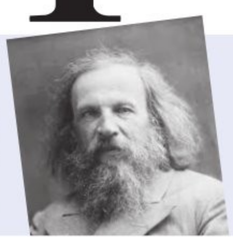
DAY'S DIARY

A day for periodic table

People working in the science field celebrate this day as the formation of the modern-day Periodic Table since 2016

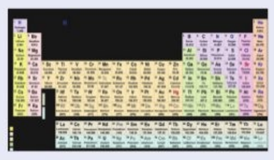
FOUNDATIONAL MODEL

This National Periodic Table Day was founded by chemistry teacher David T Steineker. The Table contributed to the evolution of science and paved the way for remarkable innovations



OTHER VERSIONS

Alternate long forms of the periodic table have been proposed by Dmitri Mendeleev in 1869, Julius Thomsen in 1895 and Alfred Werner in 1905



A MILESTONE

UNESCO named 2019 the International Year of the Periodic Table to mark the 150th anniversary of Mendeleev's publication

Curated events in and around B'luru

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HOEMONAL BALANCE!

Ahead of her show, 'Hoemonal', comedian Sumukhi Suresh looks back on her roots in improv still influencing her work a decade later, doing comedy rooted in honesty and her recent foray into acting in big-budget productions

MAHIMA NAGARAJU

SUMUKHI Suresh, despite growing up in Nagpur, studying in Chennai and now living in Mumbai, is undoubtedly a 'Bengaluru hudugi', one among the comedians nurtured by the city's fledgling comedy scene in the mid 2010s, now making it big. The love is returned by Suresh who says, "Bengaluru was the beginning of everything – where I fell in love, got cheated, found work, comedy, fun and writing." Her show Hoemonal navigates dating in her 30s while dealing with the transitions that come with hormones wreaking havoc in her body.

After having toured with it for over a year, this may be one of the last times audiences will be able to catch the show live as she notes, "I'm in the process of writing a new show," she says, adding, "Through it, I feel I have come into my own. I'm no longer thinking about what other comedians are doing, I truly feel like this is what I do on stage."

The comedian, more often than not sporting a contagious grin, is known for her bold jokes, speaking about deeply personal experiences with PCOS, body shaming, even her infertility with candour despite the taboo surrounding them. Is it cathartic, is it a way to fight back or something else entirely? For Suresh, it's about being honest. "People catch dishonest comedy. They will not call you out but will laugh at you, not with you and then forget you," she says, adding, "On stage, I try not to make it about social stigma, because the world around us is already making it a stigma. People will always put us in a box. How much do I cry about it? I'm 30, I don't want to cry about not having kids. For me, that just means I have 30 years of me being a kid, which is insanely fun," she adds.

Last year, she made her foray into a big-budget production with her supporting role as Keertana in *The Royals*. While the show got mixed reviews, Suresh looks back on the experience, recalling, "I had the freedom to try whatever I wanted and that's like candy, having writers who trust that I won't mess up the tone of their show. Since I got back into acting after a while, I also realised how much I miss it."

Since then, she also made a cameo in recent Vir Das directorial *Happy Patel: Khatarnak Jasoos*; when brought up, Suresh excitedly responds, "I did a cameo with Aamir Khan!" She jumped at the opportunity as soon as she heard it would be alongside the *Dangal* actor. Working with a fellow comedian at the helm came with its own freedom, as she notes, "Being directed by a comedian, you can be outrageous and embarrassing. Vir won't make fun of you, he'll say, 'That was funny, but can we do it again?' There is that safe space of going into whichever corner you want to in your mind."

With her recent foray into acting, Suresh looks back on her roots in improv and sketch comedy, which she got into while juggling a full-time job in a city-based food lab, as something she feels still influences her work. She says, "If you tell me to do this all over again, I would do it in exact same way because all my work is a merger of the discipline I learned with working, combined with the fact that I get to stare at the wall and sometimes daydream and get something out of it. It's been a decade of trying so many things that it seems like my career is starting now."

Sumukhi Suresh will be performing at Prestige Centre for Performing Arts, Konanakunte, on Feb 8, 8pm

Stills from episode one: What Were the Harappans Eating?

Taste of History

MAHIMA NAGARAJU

This video series explores what Indians ate through the ages, in the process, revealing how historians piece history together

A typical thali in Bengaluru would likely come with bowls of chana, dal, perhaps brinjal palya, with the flavours of garlic and ginger underlying the bright red rasam, poppy seeds floating on top. Many of these same ingredients that make up our foods today connect us to people who lived 5,000 years ago in one of the earliest civilisations on the planet – the Harappan civilisation. Pieces of the puzzle of how ancient people lived, painstakingly pieced together by historians through minuscule hints like burnt seeds, as professor Supriya Varma reveals in the first episode of Thali by Thali, a video series recently launched by the Historically Tempered Collective.

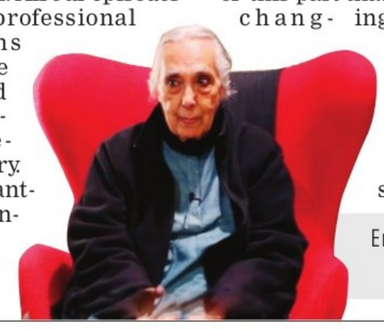
"We find them (seeds) when they get burnt; otherwise, they disintegrate. The other way archaeologists find seeds is through 'flotation', where you collect soil, mix it with water, and put it through a sieve. When you churn the soil in water, light plant materials float to the top, which can then be studied by paleobotanists."

Consisting of eminent historian Janaki Nair, INTACH Bengaluru's convener Meera Iyer, writer Saisudha Acharya and history teacher Ajay Cadambi, the collective aims to educate young audiences about Indian history through the food consumed by civilisations. They were driven by a feeling that engaging materials to teach Indian history were still lacking.

Food, which most have some interest in, acts as a gateway into questions that the group hopes young audiences learn to ask about how these societies worked. "Food engages all levels of society, not just the elites and kings, so it allows us to speak about various things. For eg., during the colonial period, India saw many major famines. When food is scarce, what kinds of historical arrangements were made? What explanations were given? That too is part of our story. We're not only talking about food as something to enjoy, where it came from, how it is cooked and so on," explains Nair.

Another concern at the core of the series, a 15-parter being released on the collective's YouTube channel, is bringing professional historians back into conversations about history, in the process, teaching how experts think. "We are living at a time when non-professional historians are making all kinds of claims about the past, circulating widely on social media and being taken for the truth. All our episodes are with professional historians who have specialised in that period or region's history. We also wanted to be inclusive of all regions and those who have been seen as people without a history – tribal communities, lower castes and to some extent, women," says Nair, adding, "The past is not just a body of facts, but something we have to develop an argument about. It has to be anchored in historical sources. The focus is on how historians use or understand these sources to make arguments."

The videos are made to be engaging, mixing animation, illustration, photos from archaeological sites and interviews with prominent historians like Romila Thapar, Tanika Sarkar, Manu Devadevan and more. The picture they paint of the past is of it constantly taking in new influences, just as Portuguese tomatoes came to be crucial to 'traditional' Indian food. "If we can give youngsters a sense of this past that is constantly changing, transforming, adapting new influences, we will have achieved something," she says.



Eminent historian Romila Thapar

Hot Spot

Kote Abbe Falls (or Kote Abbi)

Timings: 6am to 6pm

Distance from B'luru: Approx. 266km

Entry Fee: Nil

Getting there: Accessible by private vehicle, rented vehicles within the city and KSRTC buses to Kodagu

Best time to visit: Until September

HIGHLIGHTS

This tranquil and lesser known waterfall of Kodagu features serene flow perfect for a peaceful day.

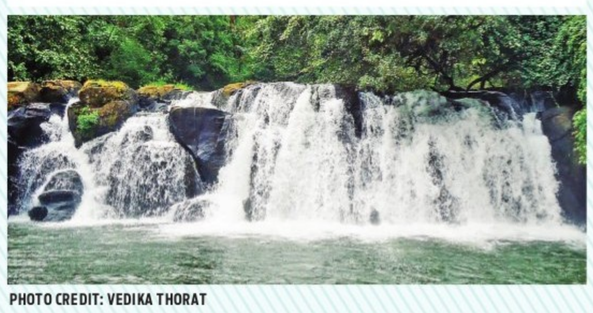


PHOTO CREDIT: VEDIKA THORAT

CITY READ

Mizoram band to set the mood right on Valentine's Eve

Love is in the air this Valentine's Eve as Mizoram's electrifying blues band, Evenflow, brings raw rock energy and soulful blues to The Quad by BLR, Terminal 1 at Bengaluru Airport. The performance features vocalist Chali, whose viral Bob Dylan cover recently electrified the music scene in Shillong. Music lovers can catch the session starting from 7pm onwards on February 13. The event is free and open to all, making it the perfect pre-Valentine's destination for those looking to enjoy world-class live music in a vibrant open-air setting.

Messi's football journey to come alive on screens

The Messi Experience - A Dream Come True World Tour will mark its city debut with a screening at Bhartiya City Mall, Bhartiya City, from June 19. The experience will offer an interactive and multisensory journey through the defining moments from Lionel Messi's life. From his early days in Rosario to lifting the World Cup trophy in Qatar, fans will relive the emotional and inspiring chapters that shaped a footballing phenomenon. The 75-minute experience unfolds across nine themed zones. Fans will be able to 'train like Messi', stepping into recreated match moments. The recently-announced exhibition will premiere in Mumbai from March 20 before heading to Bengaluru. For details, visit bookmyshow.com.

Hyderabadi wit to unfold on stage

Tab Productions and Octopus Studios will present *Miya Biwi Ke Mantakha* (Hyderabadi Couple Banter) at Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar, on February 8, at 3.30pm and 7.30pm. Adapted and directed by Taher Ali Baig, the play follows the life of a Hyderabadi duo chasing a big dream. The production explores a rapid-fire duel of ambition vs. jugaad, dreams vs. reality, and love vs. logic. Starring Rahul Reddy and Drishika Chander, the play invites guests to witness a marriage as a game of wit. For details, visit rangashankara.org.

XPRESS FOCUS

Pharmaceutical sector central to public health: RGUHS Vice Chancellor

Gold medallist Lavanya with dignitaries during the Graduation Day ceremony at Nitte College of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

The pharmaceutical sector is far more than a commercial industry and remains a core pillar of modern public health, said Dr. Bhagavan B.C., Vice Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS), Karnataka, while delivering the Second Graduation Day address at Nitte College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Bengaluru.

"Treatment alone is not enough. Prevention is the most critical strategy in healthcare. From eradicating smallpox to managing HIV/AIDS and responding swiftly to the Covid-19 pandemic, the pharmaceutical sector has consistently shaped the course of human health," he said.

Dr. Bhagavan noted that pharmacy graduates are uniquely placed due to their multidisciplinary and integrated training, enabling them to help patients manage diseases effectively and reduce health risks. He highlighted the RGUHS Student Research Fund, the first such initiative in India, which has resulted in a growing number of student-led research publications. He expressed confidence that the graduates would significantly contribute to public health in the future.

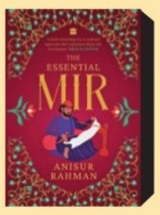
At the Graduation Day ceremony, 63 students were awarded BPharm degrees, most with distinction. Lavanya secured the Gold Medal by scoring the highest marks at the University level.

Dr. Krathish Bopanna, Founder of Tejhana Consulting LLP and Guest of Honour, said the Indian pharmaceutical industry has emerged as a global powerhouse, ranking third by volume and 14th by value, with a market size of over USD 50 billion, expected to reach USD 130 billion by 2030. Dr. H.C. Nagaraj, Principal, Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology also made his presence felt as a guest of honour.

Presiding over the event, Dr. M.S. Moodithaya, Vice Chancellor, Nitte (Deemed to be University), urged graduates to embrace emerging technologies, especially Artificial Intelligence, to strengthen research and innovation.

The programme began with a welcome address by Dr. V. Kusum Devi, Principal, Nitte College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, and concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof. Veda B. Hacholli. Parents, senior academicians, and heads of Nitte institutions were present.

BOOK NOOK

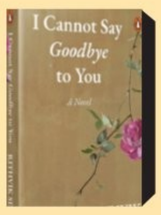


The Essential Mir
by Anisur Rahman

This one-of-a-kind collection presents two hundred of Mir's best verses, meticulously selected and translated by the author, along with critical commentary to help modern readers appreciate the context.

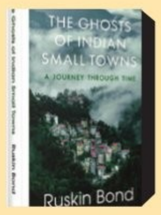
Dear Debbie
by Freida McFadden

After years of being patient, polite, and practical, Debbie is finally taking her own advice and taking back control. But when she decides to get even, the results are darker, funnier, and more shocking than anyone could imagine.



I Cannot Say Goodbye to You
by Rithvik Singh

With off-the-charts chemistry, witty conversations, and unexpected plot twists, the book traces the story of Aashna and the people she loves and loses.



The Ghosts of Indian Small Towns: A Journey Through Time
by Ruskin Bond

This book is an elegy to all that we are losing as small towns are buried under a mass of concrete and pollution.

TOUCH OF ART

Artist Aparna Rajapandian explains the symbolic narratives of the displayed collection at Visions and Tales, her ongoing solo exhibition, at the MKF Museum of Art, Lavelle Road | KEVIN NASHON

QUICKFIX

PEPPER GLASS NOODLES

INGREDIENTS

- **Rice noodles:** 50 g
- **Yellow pepper:** half, finely chopped
- **Onion:** 1 medium size, finely chopped
- **Green Chilli:** 1, finely chopped
- **Oil:** 2 tbsp
- **Salt to taste**
- **Black pepper:** 1/2 tsp

METHOD

- In a bowl of water, boil the rice noodles. Once done, drain the water and keep it aside.
- In a wok, heat oil and add the chopped yellow pepper, onion, green chilli and saute it till onions turn translucent.
- To it, add the boiled rice noodles, salt and pepper. Toss everything together.
- Serve it hot.

Contributed by **Joy Mukherjee,** Hyderabad

NOWSTREAMING

REGIONAL

PARASAKTHI (Tamil)

The film depicts the 1965 Anti-Hindi Imposition agitations in Tamil Nadu, bringing to life a significant historical event based on true stories from the time.

Cast: Sivakarthikeyan, Atharvaa, Sreeleela, Ravi Mohan

- **Watch on:** ZEE5

THE RAJA SAAB (Telugu)

A young heir embraces both his royal heritage and rebellious spirit as he rises to power, establishing unprecedented rules during his reign as Raja Saab.

Cast: Prabhas, Malavika Mohanan, Nidhhi Agerwal

- **Watch on:** JioHotstar

FOREIGN

YOH! BESTIE (English)

Thando is perpetually unlucky in love, but when her bestie returns from his travels with a fiancée in tow, she's forced to face a new emotion — jealousy.

Cast: Katlego Lebogang, Siya Sepotokele, and Didie Makobane

- **Watch on:** Netflix

SUBSCRIPTION

Netflix :	₹ 199/month
Prime Video:	₹ 299/month
Jio Cinema:	₹ 999/year
Disney+ Hotstar:	₹ 899/year
Zee5 :	₹ 699/year
Viki Rakuten:	₹ 299/month
Aha:	₹ 699/year
SonyLIV:	₹ 299/month

FITBIT

COCONUT WATER: NATURE'S OWN SOFT DRINK

Coconut water is the naturally clear liquid found inside tender green coconuts. Often confused with coconut milk or oil, it is entirely different in composition. Light, fat-free, and low in calories, coconut water contains naturally occurring sugars along with essential electrolytes such as potassium, sodium, and magnesium. For generations, especially in tropical climates, it has been used as a natural refreshment to combat heat and dehydration.

WHY COCONUT WATER SUPPORTS HYDRATION

One of the biggest advantages of coconut water lies in its electrolyte profile. When we sweat, the body loses not just water but also minerals that help regulate muscle function, nerve signals, and fluid balance. Coconut water helps replenish these losses in a gentle way, without the high sugar content found in many packaged sports drinks. This makes it particularly useful after light to moderate physical activity, time spent outdoors, or episodes of mild dehydration.

A LIGHTER ALTERNATIVE TO SUGARY DRINKS

Compared to fruit juices and soft drinks, coconut water is significantly lower in calories and added sugars. Its mild natural sweetness makes it satisfying without overwhelming the body with excess energy. For those trying to cut back on sugar-sweetened beverages, coconut water can be a smarter and more refreshing swap.

HEART AND KIDNEY HEALTH BENEFITS

Coconut water is naturally high in potassium, a mineral that plays a key role in maintaining healthy blood pressure by balancing sodium levels in the body. Diets rich in potassium and fluids are also associated with better urinary flow, which may help reduce the risk of kidney stone formation when consumed as part of an overall balanced diet.

DIGESTIVE COMFORT AND RECOVERY

Its electrolyte balance and slightly alkaline nature can help ease digestive discomfort after exercise or periods of dehydration. Many people find coconut water soothing when experiencing acidity, fatigue, or mild stomach upset, especially in hot weather.

WEIGHT MANAGEMENT AND ANTIOXIDANT SUPPORT

As it is low in calories and fat-free, coconut water can support weight management when used in place of sugary drinks. It also contains antioxidants that help combat oxidative stress, which plays a role in skin health and cellular repair.

WHO SHOULD BE CAUTIOUS

While coconut water is safe for most people, those with kidney disease, diabetes, or individuals taking potassium-affecting medications should consume it in moderation and seek medical advice if needed.

By Madhura P Behki, nutrition expert, cult— a fitness and wellness platform

WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Epic Tales

Experience the epic of *Ramayana* through the eyes of Gowri Ramnarayan through the play *What She Said*. Explore the lives of Sita's sister Urmila, Vali's consort Tara, and Ravana's queen Mandodari, among others, seeing their lives as individuals in their own right. Witness these characters come alive as they seek to make sense of their lives

WHEN: February 7, 7pm onwards | **WHERE:** Medai – The Stage, Koramangala | **CALL:** 82172 46994

Sing Along!

Learn the basics of a ukulele, specially curated for the fans of popular singer Arijit Singh at this ukulele workshop curated for both beginners and seasoned strummers alike. At the event, participants will learn the basics of tuning techniques with some easy-to-follow instructions to finally express emotions through songs like *Channa Mereya*.

WHEN: February 8, 2pm onwards | **WHERE:** My School Of Rock, Koramangala | **CALL:** 98864 81176

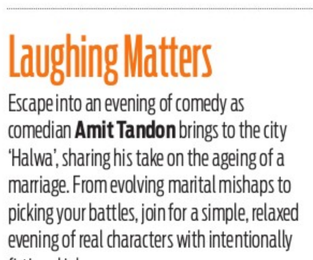
Laughing Matters

Escape into an evening of comedy as comedian **Amit Tandon** brings to the city 'Halwa', sharing his take on the ageing of a marriage. From evolving marital mishaps to picking your battles, join for a simple, relaxed evening of real characters with intentionally fictional jokes.

WHEN: February 8, 7pm onwards

WHERE: Good Shepherd Auditorium, Richmond Town

CALL: 83108 92262



Soulful Melodies

Tune in to the voice of singer **Karthik**, who is set to bring his music live in the city. From his classics like *Paal Pole* to *Oru Maalai*, expect anything!

WHEN: February 7, 7.30pm onwards

WHERE: Phoenix Market City, Whitefield

DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Memory Trail

Take a deep dive into the city's history and flavours and walk through the memory lanes of Basavanagudi and join in a celebration of Bengaluru's culinary soul. From hot filter coffee to legendary eateries, there is something for everyone.

WHEN: February 7, 3.30pm onwards

WHERE: Shri Doddabasavanna Temple, Basavanagudi

DETAILS: urbanaut.app

Gastronomical Affairs

Join for a special meet-up with Gaël Clavière, a renowned French pastry chef, followed by a conversation with chef Amiel Guérin, founder of Amiel Gourmet. End the evening with a special dessert tasting based on original recipes by Gaël Clavière and relish a taste of his culinary expertise!

WHEN: February 7, 6pm onwards

WHERE: Auditorium, Alliance Française de Bangalore, Vasanth Nagar | **CALL:** 73380 26885

Cinema Rendezvous

Watch the screening of *Good Will Hunting*, followed by a discussion this weekend. Made by readers, for readers, engage with a community of readers who like to think slowly in a fast-paced city.

WHEN: February 7, 4pm onwards

WHERE: BLR Design Centre, Shanthala Nagar | **CALL:** 80405 42944

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HAVE A RECIPE OR ART WORK TO SHARE, OR A QUESTION TO ASK?

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ARTCORNER

HUES AND BLUES

In artist Sriram B's work, the outside world paints itself endlessly; and he merely archive its fleeting brilliance

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF NAME

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I, (OLD NAME) MAHALAKSHMI, H. R W/o. Purushothama K.M residing at No. 214, S.S.V.R. Fairy Bells Apartments, Sahakaranagara Under Pass, NTI Layout 2nd Stage, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru 560097, have changed my Name from **(OLD NAME) MAHALAKSHMI, H. R to (NEW NAME) DHRITHI.H.R,** vide affidavit dated 02.02.26, sworn before Notary A.Gerard Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RUKAMAVVA** (existing name) Mother of 13628334H Rank NK Name: **PRAKASH PADADALLI** residing at VTC; Naganur, Sub District- Gokak, District- Belgaum, State- Karnataka, Pin Code-591224, have changed my from **RUKAMAVVA** (old name) to **RUKMAVVA PADADALLI** (new name) vide affidavit dated: 05-02-2026 before Notary, Sivakumara M.N. Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **GOVINDHAMMA**, W/o Sri C Kuppuswamy, age 49 years, R/at No. 10/1, Pottary Town, Pulikeshi Nagar, Benson Town Post, Bangalore-560 046 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **KOMATHI** to **GOVINDHAMMA**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **GOVINDHAMMA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 3rd February 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **CHANDRASHEKAR .M** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ARUL RAJ**, S/o Late Kasthuri Raj, aged 29 years, R/a No.13/1, Bazaar Street, Gowthampura, Ulsoor, Bengaluru-560008, have changed my name to **ARAVIND RAJ K**, vide affidavit dt. 05/02/2026 before Notary **S.I.Balaguru**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, NEELAM TEJRAJ RANKA, D/o S.TEJRAJ RANKA, Aged 47 Years, residing at Flat No.D604, Plantinum Ananda, Bull Temple Road, Bangalore- 560 019, have changed my name from **T.NEELAM RANKA** to **NEELAM TEJRAJ RANKA,** vide affidavit dated 6/2/2026 sworn to before S Vijayakumar Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SAVANTRAVVA KATAGERI**, W/o. Late. **Veerabhadrappa Katageri**, Aged about 85 years Residing at A-G03, Krishna Mystiq Apartment, Chikkathogur Main Road, Pragathi Nagar, Bengaluru- 560100, I hereby declare .that my name in Adhar and pancard is SAVANTRAVVA KATAGERI and in bank account,election card,husband's pension, & nominee documents is **SAVITHRI KATAGERI, SAVITRI KATAGERI, SAVITREVVA KATAGERI, SAVITRIBAI KATAGERI, S V KATAGERI, SAVITRAVVA KATAGERI, SAVITHRIBAI KATAGERI, SAVITHRAVVA KATAGERI** all names refer to me only sworn before Notary **K V MANI** dated 04.02.26

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **K J ANTONY, resident of No. 418, 5th cross, Rajiv Nagar 2nd Stage, Mysore -570019 Karnataka, have changed my name to K J ANTHONY** vide Affidavit, dated 05/02/2026, sworn to before Advocate and Notary public Vijayalakshmi .K, Bangalore

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) SANGITA,** mother of NO.16128353N, NK, PATIL DIGVIJAY RAMESH, residing at Vadala Vadali (Vill & Post), Jalgaon (Dist), MAHARASHTRA (State), PIN: 424102, Have Changed my name to **(NEW NAME) SANGITA RAMESH PATIL** Vide Affidavit Dated 04.02.2026 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **BASAPPA** (existing name) father of 13628334H Rank NK Name: **PRAKASH PADADALLI** residing at VTC; Naganur, Sub District- Gokak, District- Belgaum, State- Karnataka, Pin Code-591224, have changed my from **BASAPPA** (old name) to **BASAPPA PADADALLI** (new name) vide affidavit dated: 05-02-2026 before Notary, Sivakumara M.N. Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **K.C. VISHALAKSHI** D/o Kudlu Chinnannaiah, W/o K Krishnappa, residing at Old No.379/2B, New No.6, 6th Cross, Narayanamma Garden, Opp Shiva Enclave, Konena Agarahara, Bengaluru-560017, i state that in my passport No.K9145740 my name is printed as Krishnappa Vishalakshi, but my actual name is **VISHALAKSHI KUDLU CHINNANNAIAH,** Hereinafter I shall be known as **VISHALAKSHI KUDLU CHINNANNAIAH,** vide affidavit dated 05.02.2026 sworn before Notary B Prasanna, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Prathiksha .G.C**, D/o. Gururaj .H.S, aged about 18 years, residing at No. 299, 4th Main, 6th Cross, Bata Showroom, Srinivas Nagar, Bangalore-560050, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PHATHIKSHA .G.C** (Old Name) to **PRATHIKSHA .G.C** (New Name), vide affidavit dated 05.02.2026, sworn to before Ramachandrappa .C, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **AMBIKA SANJAY JAGAVKAR,** W/o. **Mr. Sanjay S Jagavkar,** residing of No.42, N S Paradise, 1st Floor, 4th Cross, Avalahalli, Bengaluru-560049, have changed my name from **AMBIKA JAGAVKAR** to **AMBIKA SANJAY JAGAVKAR** vide affidavit dated 20-01-2026 sworn before Notary **DEEPA M.** BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SUNITA SIPANI,** W/o Pukhraj Sipani, age 50 years, R/at 1403, ETA Apartment, Main Road, Magadi Road, Opp. Angalaparameshwari Temple, Bengaluru-560 023 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SUNITHA SIPANI** to **SUNITA SIPANI,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SUNITA SIPANI** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 6th Feb. 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SUJATHA VISHWANATH, aged about 56 years, W/o Vishwanath M R residing at No. 403, Sri Chowdeshwari Residency, 4th Cross, 1st Main, Poorna Prajna Layout, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560085, Karnataka have change my name from SUJATHA K K to SUJATHA VISHWANATH** vide affidavit dated 04/02/2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary, S.N. Madhu, Bangalore

AFFIDAVIT

I, **UMESH B.R,** aged about 42 years S/o Ramaprakash B.V, R/o Raksha Nilya, Ramdas Compound, Gopal Pura, Chitradurga-577501, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **UMESHA B.R** to **UMESH B.R** vide Affidavit dated: 03.02.2026, sworn to before **H.R KARUNAKARA**, Advocate and Notary Public Govt. of Karnataka, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) RAMAMURTHY,** father of NO.16121361K, NK, RAVIKUMAR R, residing at House NO.4/868, Ponnappagounapalli, Krishnagiri (TK), Krishnagiri (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 635121, Have Changed my name to **(NEW NAME) L RAMAMURTHY** Vide Affidavit Dated 03.02.2026 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU.B.N BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) VINITA ULLAS, residing at No. 14, Vadarapalaya Road, Vadarapalaya Bus Stop, Horamavu Agara, Kalyana Nagar Post, Bengaluru North, Bengalmu 560043, have changed my Name from **(OLD NAME) VINITA ULLAS to (NEW NAME) VINITHA CAROLINE D** vide affidavit dated 28.01.2026 sworn before Notary P.N.Nagesha., Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **Mrs. VIJAYAMBIKA W/o P. LAKSHMAIAH,** Aged about 59 years, Residing at Flat No. E-320, Shiva Nilaya, 4th A Cross, Opp. Rose Dal Apartment, Whitefiled Outer Circle, Bangalore North, Bangalore - 560 066, do hereby declare that **VIJAYAMBIKA** and **VIJAYAMMA** are one and the same person and known by both names. Vide affidavit dated 05.06.2026 sworn to before B. Chitra, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, K Keerthana L Karthikeyan, w/o Aditya Sankaran, aged about 25 years, R/at REA 405, Purva Riviera, Varthur Main Road, Chinnapanahalli, Marathahalli, Doddanekkundi, Bengaluru - 560037, have changed my name from K Keerthana L Karthikeyan to **Keerthana Aditya**. Vide Affidavit dated 05-02-2026 Sworn before Advocate & Notary Indira S. S, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MUTHYALAMMA G.K D/o Krishnappa, Aged about 28 years, Residing at No.98/2, Sri Lakshmi VenkateshwaraNilaya, Bodana hosahalli, Samethanahalli Post, Bangalore - 560067, have changed my name from **"Muthyalamma G K"** to **"Mamatha G K",** vide affidavit dated 6/2/2026 sworn to before R Sulakshana Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VANITHA VENKATARAMANASWAMY,** aged 39 years, residing of No.136, 3rd Floor, Jadayappa Thota, Jambusavari Dinne Road, Behind G.R.Heights Apartment Road, Raghuvanahalli, JP Nagar 8th Phase, Bannerghatta, Bengaluru 560083, have changed my name from **VANITHA RAJU** to **VANITHA VENKATARAMANASWAMY** vide affidavit dated 05-01-2026 sworn before Notary **DEEPA M.** BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NAGARAJ.N.C Aged about 42 Years, Residing At No 7, 1st Floor, Nagasadana 2nd Cross, Raghavendra Layout, Near. Karnataka Bank, Muddinapalya Circle Bangalore-560091. have change my name from NAGARAJA.N.C to NAGARAJ.N.C** vide affidavit dated 05/02/2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary, S.T. Thippeswamy, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VIDYA CHANDRAPPA VASANTHA RAJU** D/o C.Vasantha Raju, residing at No.231, 2nd Floor, Sai Enclave Layout, Opp G.R Lavender Apartment, J.P.Nagar 7th Phase, Bangalore South, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560076, Hereby solemnly declare that I have changed my name from **VIDYA CHANDRAPPA VASANTH RAJU** to **VIDYA CHANDRAPPA VASANTHA RAJU** vide affidavit dated.06.02.2026 sworn to before Notary, **Nijagunaradhya** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I Nisha R S aged 47 years, W/o Binu Jacob resident of B 301, DS MAX Skyscape, Bidarahalli Hobli, Rampura, Bengaluru-560049 have changed my name to **NISHA ROOSE JACOB** vide affidavit dated 31/01/2026 Sworn before Notary Y R Chandrasekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

We, **ARABINDA DAS AND SUBHASHREE DAS** parents of **AKANKSHA DAS,** both residing at: Flat No.112, SM Gardenia, Sorahunase, Varthur, Bangalore-560087. Hereby declare that, we have changed our minor daughter's name from **'AKANKSHA'** to **'AKANKSHA DAS'** Vide Affidavit dated 05.02.2026, Sworn before Advocate and Notary A.M. Rajasekar, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **N. NAGARATHNA** W/o K. Dayanand, age 52 years, R/at No. 300, 3rd Stage, 2nd Block, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore-560 079 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **N. NAGARATHNA** and **NAGARATNA GOVINDARAJU** are one and the same and refers to me only, now I have changed my name from **NAGARATNA GOVINDARAJU** to **NARASAPPA NAGARATNA**, vide affidavit dated 03-02-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **ONKARAPPA .N.R** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, No.2768952X, Ex Nk (TS) **G PALANI,** S/o. late Gopal, residing at #28, 1st Cross, Near Nisarga Bar, Muniveerappa Layout, Shampur, A C Post, Bengaluru-560045, have changed the name of my wife from **KANAGAVALLI** to **KANAGAVALLI P**, vide Affidavit Dated: 04/02/2026 sworn before XXIX Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru City.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SUMITHA ABHISHEK,** W/o. Abhishek Madarahalli Nagaraj, residing at #R401, 4th Floor, Purva Palm Beach Elus Road, Kyalasanahalli, Kothanur, Bengaluru-560077 have changed my name to **SUMITHA DANIEL**, vide Affidavit Dated: 05/02/2026 sworn before Notary **C.V.EARAPPA,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SANDEEP.R,** S/o Rama.K.M, age 26 years, R/at No. 517, 4th Main, 2nd Cross, Near Anganawadi, Kamalanagar, Bangalore-560079 do hereby declare that all the names of my father i.e. **RAMA.K.M, RAMA** and **RAMU** are one and the same and refer to my father only, henceforth I shall use my father name as **RAMA.K.M** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 5th February 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **RATNA .N** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SACHIN VELAYUDHAN, residing at Flat No.11051, Tower-11, Sobha Silicon Oasis, Hosa Road, Pragathi Nagar, Bangalore-560100, have changed my name to SACHIN VILAYUDAN** vide Affidavit, dated 06/02/2026, sworn to before Advocate and Notary public H.G. Venkataramu, Bangalore

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Binu Koruth Jacob aged 55 years, S/o. Jacob Thomas resident of B 301, DS MAX Skyscape, Bidarahalli Hobli, Rampura, Bengaluru-560049 have changed my name to **BINU JACOB** vide affidavit dated 31/01/2026 Sworn before Notary Y R Chandrasekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **LEELAMMA,** wife of Late. Mathai Mathai, residing at # G6, Indra Towers, 10th Street, Bank Avenue, Horamavu, Kalyananagar, Bangalore-560 043. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'LEELAMMA'** to **'LEELAMMA MATHAI'**, vide Affidavit dated 04.02.2026, Sworn before Advocate and Notary Mohammed Hussain.K, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **Revathi** W/o. Krishnam Raju, D/o. Late Gopalraju, Aged about 55 years, Residing at # 16, Sukrithi, 1st A Cross, RMV 2nd Stage, Opp. HIG Colony Play Ground, Dollars Colony, Bengaluru - 560 094, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that **Revathi** and **Revathi Gopalraju** are the name of one and the same person and that is myself. I state that, I hold an Aadhaar Card, where is my name is mentioned as **Revathi.** I state that, there is no change in my name expect inadvertence that my Father's name has been added in my passport. Vide affidavit dated 05.02.2026 sworn to before Jalandhara Advocate & Notary, Govt of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Sri CHANDRASHEKAR YADAV D.V.,** S/o. Late D. Venkataramanappa, aged about 43 years, residing at "Dwaraka Nilaya" Ward No. 26, N.N.T. Road, Near Udaya School, Hyderali Nagara, Chintamani Town-563125, Chikkaballapura District, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **CHANDRASHEKAR .D.V** to **CHANDRASHEKAR YADAV .D.V**, and my father names **VENKATARAMANA D** and **VENKATARAMANAPPA .D** also refer to one and the same person namely my father, vide affidavit dated 02.02.2026, sworn to before N. Srinivasappa, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of Karnataka, Chikkaballapura.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **LOKESHA**, aged 50 years, S/o. **Mariyappa,** residing of No. 179, Behind Urdu School, Raghavendra Layout, Kanakeri, Sorabha Post, Shivamogga District, Karnataka-577429, have changed my name from **LOKESH** to **LOKESHA** vide affidavit dated 16-12-2025 sworn before Notary **DEEPA M.** BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KANTILAL VELCHAND JI JAIN S/o. Late Velchand Ji Jain**, residing at No.10, New No.C-33, S.K.Lane, Near Chikkamavalli Post Office, Bangalore South, Bengaluru - 560 004 have changed my name from **KANTILAL VELCHAND JI JAIN** to **KANTILAL** vide affidavit dated: 03.02.2026 sworn before Advocate & Notary Mamatha N.K, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ROY ANTONY, Aged About 56 Years, S/o P P ANTONY, Residing at No.49, 3rd Cross, Amar Jyothi Layout, Ashwath Nagar, Thanisandra, Bangalore North, Dr. Shivarama Karanth Nagar, Bangalore North, Bengaluru, Karnataka -560077, have change my name from ROY ANTONY PAREKKADAN to ROY ANTONY** vide affidavit dated 05/02/2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary, Uday Kumar .K, Bangalore

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I, (OLD NAME) KOUSER INAYATHULLAHKHAN, residing at No. 124, 5th Cross, 1st Stage Pillanna Garden, Bangalore - 84, have changed my Name from **(OLD NAME) KOUSER INAYATHULLAHKHAN to (NEW NAME) KOUSER,** vide affidavit dated 06.02.2026, sworn before Notary H. S. Sakalesh Aradhya Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Madhuri Hrushikesh Deshpande,** W/o Mr. Hrushikesh Deshpande, Aged about 35 years, Residing at No.16/20, Shri Nilay, Kempapura Kumbarhalli Road, Chikkabanavara Post, Bangalore-560 090. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'MADHURI RAGHAVENDRA AYACHIT'** to **'MADHURI HRUSHIKESH DESHPANDE'**, vide Affidavit dated 05.02.2026, Sworn before Advocate and Notary S.R. Paramashivaiah, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ASHITA KEDAR HUDDAR,** R/o No. D-0432, Brigade Buena Vista Apartment, Budigere Cross, Old Madras Road, Bommenahalli, Mundur Post, Bengaluru-560 049 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ASHITA SUBHASH GARGE** to **ASHITA KEDAR HUDDAR,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **ASHITA KEDAR HUDDAR** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 5th February 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **SRINATHA .D.R** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Smt. Kalaboramma W/o Late Lakkanna, aged about 81 years, residing at #48, Near: Muneshwara Temple, Chikkagollarahatti, Lakshmipura, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru - 562123, have changed my name from **KALAMMA** to **KALABORAMMA,** vide affidavit dated 3/2/2026 sworn to before R S Vijay Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHASHI KUMAR RAJKUMAR** S/o Late Raj Kumar S, aged about 47 years, R/a No.628, "UPASANA", 14th Main Road, Jnanabharathi Layout, 2nd Block, Nagadevanahalli, Bengaluru-560056 have changed my name to **VISHAL S. RAJKUMAR**, vide affidavit dated 06.02.2026 before Notary **A.Gerard,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VENKATESH KUMAR,** aged 34 years, S/o. **Kumar,** residing of No. 198, Aglakote Village & Post, Magadi Tq, Ramanagar District, Karnataka-562120, have changed my name from **VENKATESHA KUMAR** to **VENKATESH KUMAR** vide affidavit dated 24-12-2025 sworn before Notary **DEEPA M.** BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **JAYPAL KUMBAR (Date of Birth 20/04/1982) S/o Appasab Annu Kumbar and residing at No.12, 4th Cross, 1st A Main, Road, Jinnagramma Layout, Doddabidarakallu, Nagasandra post, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560073 have changed my name to JAYPAL APPASAB KUMBAR** vide affidavit dated 05/02/2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary, Anuradha .D, Bangalore

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I, Mrs. **MANJIMA SANDEEP,** aged about 45 years, D/o. Mr. Ramachandran Puthan Purayil, W/o. Sandeep Sreyas, residing at B205, Saranya Sarovar Apt., I Main, Vinayaka Nagar, Hagadur, Whitefield, Bengaluru-560066, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Manjima Ramachandran Leela** to **MANJIMA SANDEEP,** vide affidavit dated 03.02.2026, sworn to before M. Krishnamurthy, Advocate & Notary Public, Hoskote-562114.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Malini M.C,** mother and natural guardian of my minor son presently known as **Krishang Malini Parladka S/o. Lohith,** Aged 15 years and Residing at No. 1, Faculty Quarters, Jnanabharathi Road, Nagarabhavi, NLSIU, Bangalore - 560 072, do hereby declare that I have changed my minor son's name from **Krishang Malini Parladka S/o. Lohith** to **Jaswant A Rao S/o. Anil M Rao** vide affidavit dated 05.02.2026 sworn to before Chandrashekaraiah .S, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHAHEEN AHMED KUDPADI MANI,** resident of # 45/6, 1st Cross, Roshan Colony, Tilaknagar, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560041, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHAHEEN AHMED MOHAMMED GHOUSE KUDPADIMANI** to **SHAHEEN AHMED KUDPADI MANI** vide affidavit dated 05.02.2026, sworn to before B. Chitra, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MAHESH KUMAR RATHILAL MEHTA** S/o **MULLCHAND RATILAL MEHTA** R/at No. 33/28 5th Cross 4th Block Rajajinagar Bengaluru- 560010 have changed my name to **MAHESH RATILAL MEHTA** vide affidavit dated: 6/2/2026 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **DEEYA MUKHERJEE,** Residing at Flat No. Navagruha Apartment, Rachanahalli, Thanisandra, Bengaluru - 560077, have changed my name to **DEEYA MUKHERJIE,** vide affidavit dated: 30.01.2026 before notary **T.C. THIMMARAJA**, Bengaluru.

DECLARATION

I, **CHHAYA RANI (DOB:14-10-1960) W/o Sri. Om Prakash Pal, Resident of: #87, Ground floor, 7th Main, Vinayaka Nagara, IAF Post, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560063 do hereby declare that the names MAYA PAL and CHHAYA RANI** both pertain to me only, but my correct name in usage is **CHHAYA RANI** Vide affidavit, Dated: 05-02-2026 sworn to before Notary Public G.P. CHAYA, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ANIL ASHWATH,** R/o Villa-41, Chaitanya La Grove, Near Rayan International School, Kundalahalli, Bangalore-560 037 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ANIL ASWATH** to **ANIL ASHWATH**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **ANIL ASHWATH** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 5th February 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PRAKASHA .C** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Army No. 14480316F, Rank: Ex NK (TS) Name: **GOVINDAIAH D,** R/at No.42, 9th Cross, Behind Government Hospital, 1st Main, Channakeshava Nagar, Electronic City Post, Bengaluru-560 100 do hereby declare that I have changed my spouse name from **SHARDA** to **SHARADA K B**, vide affidavit dated 04-02-2026, sworn before XXIX Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru City.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RADHA ANANDA NAIDU,** W/o. V Ananda Naidu, aged about 53 years, residing at No. 8th Cross, Sy.No. 17, 30th Main, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru South-560085, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **RADHA ANANDA NAIDU** to **P A RADHA,** vide affidavit dated 06.02.2026, sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **M.VALLAVAN, residing at #5, 2nd Cross, 11th Main, Raghavendra Layout, Kammagondanahalli, Bangalore North, Po: Jalahalli West, Bengaluru, Karnataka -560015 have changed my son's name from VALLAVAN NITHILAN to NITHILAN V** vide affidavit dated 05/02/2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary, Uday Kariyappa B.G., Bangalore

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, BALA VENKATA SURYA NARAYANA S/O LATE POTHURAJU and dependent father of V SURYARAJU TEDLAPU, presently residing at H.No. 65, Pushpalatha Arun, 2nd cross, Sahyadri Balaga, Siddeswara Layout, Bengaluru (Karnataka)-560073 and permanent resident of Villlage NAKKAPALLI, Distt-ANAKAPALLI, ANDHRA PRADESH-531081, have changed my name from **BALA VENKATA SURYA NARAYANA to BALA VENKATA SURYANARAYANA TEDLAPU** vide affidavit dated 05-02-2026 before the Notary Advocate TV Bhadravijaya (Regd No. 13078) Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RAMA .B.N,** W/o Shekar, age 54 years, R/at No. 55/1/62, 3rd Cross, Devaiah Park, Nagappa Block, Bangalore-560 021 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **RAJESHWARI** and **RAMA .B.N** are one and the same and refers to me only, vide affidavit dated 3rd February 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **H.R. KARUNAKARA** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **Sangeeta Saumin Mehta**, Daughter of Sri. Hastimal Sisodia and Wife of Sri Saumin Mehta, residing at 44 East Avenue, No. 3101, Austin, Texas - 78701, USA and currently in India and staying at my parent's house at No. 105, 'C' Street, 6th Cross, A.R. Extension, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru - 560 009, do hereby declare that my name has been recorded in different forms such as **H. Sangeetha Sisodia, Hastimal Sangeetha Sisodia, H. Sangeetha, Sangeetha S., Sangeetha Hastimal Sisodia, Sangeeta Mehta** and **Sangeeta Saumin Mehta** all refer to one and the same person. I have decided to use only the name **Sageeta Saumin Mehta** namely. Vide affidavit dated 05.02.2026 sworn to before S. Jayanna, Notary & Advocate, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SUMAN TEJRAJ RANKA, D/o S.TEJRAJ RANKA, Aged 48 Years, residing at Flat No.D604, Plantinurn Ananda, Bull Temple Road, Bangalore - 560 019, have changed my name from **T.SUMAN RANKA** to **SUMAN TEJRAJ RANKA,** vide affidavit dated 6/2/2026 sworn to before S Vijaya Kumar Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Army No. 14480316F, Rank: Ex NK (TS) Name: **GOVINDAIAH D,** R/at No.42, 9th Cross, Behind Government Hospital, 1st Main, Channakeshava Nagar, Electronic City Post, Bengaluru-560 100 do hereby declare that I want to change date of birth of my spouse **SHARADA K B** from 20/05/1969 to 16/05/1970, vide affidavit dated 04-02-2026, sworn before XXIX Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru City.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SARANYA ELUMALAI,** Residing at No.619 J, 36th Cross, 2nd Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru - 560010, have changed my name to **SARANYA MANOJKUMAR,** vide affidavit dated: 03.02.2026 before notary **T.C. THIMMARAJA**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SRIDEVI VALLAVAN D/o NM PALANI is legally wedded spouse of M VALLAVAN, presently residing at #5, 2nd Cross, 11th Main, Raghavendra Layout, Kammagondanahalli, Bangalore North, Po: Jalahalli West, Bengaluru, Karnataka -560015 have changed my name from SRIDEVI VALLAVAN to V SRIDEVI** vide affidavit dated 05/02/2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary, Uday Kariyappa B.G., Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, LAKSHMI D/O **LATE S ADHINARAYANA** and dependent mother of **V SURYARAJU TEDLAPU,** presently residing at H. No. 65, Pushpalatha Arun, 2nd cross, Sahyadri Balaga, Siddeswara Layout, Bengaluru (Karnataka)-560073 and permanent resident of Villlage NAKKAPALLI, Distt-ANAKAPALLI, ANDHRA PRADESH-531081, have changed my name from **LAKSHMI to LAKSHMI TEDLAPU** vide affidavit dated 05-02-2026 before the Notary Advocate TV Bhadravijaya (Regd No. 13078) Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Chandrashekhar Nadakarni**, aged about 51 years, S/o. Suresh, residing at No. 49, 11th Main, 16th Cross, Malleshwaram West, Bangalore-560055, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Chandrashekar** to **Chandrashekhar Nadakarni,** vide affidavit dated 31.01.2026, sworn to before S.R. Ravikumar, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **C NAZIRULLA SHARIFF,** also Known as **NAZIRULLA SHARIFF CHINTAMANI,** resident of #27, 2nd Main Road, Chinnappa Garden, Benson Town, Bengaluru-560046, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **NAZIRULLA SHARIF CHINTAMANI** to **C NAZIRULLA SHARIFF,** also Known as **NAZIRULLA SHARIFF CHINTAMANI,** vide affidavit dated 05.02.2026, sworn to before B. Chitra, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Pallavi G.S** hereby changed my name from **Meena G.S** into **Pallavi G.S** before the VI Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge, Bengaluru on 13.09.2024 in Declaration Suit O.S. No. 1093/2021.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MANOJ HUILGOL**, aged 32 years, S/o. **Phaniraj,** residing of Flat No. 205, Garden Square Apartment, Poornapragna Layout, Utarahalli Main Road, Subramanyapur, Bengaluru-560061, have changed my name from **MANOJ PHANIRAJ HUILGOL** to **MANOJ HUILGOL** vide affidavit dated 12-01-2026 sworn before Notary **DEEPA M.** BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Shylaja Srikanta Prasad, W/o Nanjundappa Vijay Shankar aged about 60 years, DOB: 20-08-1964 and resident of Flat No.304,3rd Floor, ASR Octave, 11/7 & 11/9, Chikkanayakanahalli, Carmelaram Post, Bengaluru 560035, have changed my name to SHAILAJA SHANKAR MADHUGIRI** vide Affidavit, dated 04/02/2026, sworn to before Advocate & Notary Public B.M. CHANDRASHEKAR, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **AKSHAYA RIDHI SEKAR,** R/at Ananda Valmark, Doddakammanahalli, Hulimavu, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru – 560076, declare that my name is wrongly mentioned as **AKSHAYA RIDHI** in some documents but the correct name is **AKSHAYA RIDHI SEKAR,** and my father name is wrongly mentioned as **SHEKAR MANICK** in some documents but the correct name is **SEKAR MANICKAVASAGAM,** vice affidavit dated: 05.02.2026, before Notary N. Kanchivaradaraju, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ZUBEDA W/o ABDUL KHADER, residing at No. 1003, Legend Apartment, Vaslane Road, Near Unity Hospital Falnir, Mangalore Dakshina Kannada 575002, have changed my Name from **ZUBEDA to ZUBAIDA ABDUL KHADAR,** vide affidavit dated 04.02.2026 sworn before Notary V.Rajashekhara., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mr. HAJIRA LINA**, aged about 38 years, D/o. Mr. SHAIK MOHIDEEN, W/o. George David, residing at 221, 4th Cross, Gandhipura, Whitefield, Bangalore-560066, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **HAJIRA LINA DAVIA** to **HAJIRA LINA,** vide affidavit dated 03.02.2026, sworn to before M. Krishnamurthy, Advocate & Notary Public, Hoskote-562114.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KANCHAN JINDAL** (Old Name), W/o. Prashant Mittal, Aged about 43 Years, R/at NB-502, Sri Ram Surbhi Apartments, Kanakapura Road, Mallasandra Village, Near Holiday Village, Thalaghattapura, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560109, declare that I have changed my name from **KANCHAN JINDAL** (Old Name) to **KANCHAN MITTAL** (New Name), henceforth I shall be known

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RAKKASAPURADHOL unfolds inside a village where superstition is neither questioned nor casually practised; it is embedded in daily existence. Ritual markings on streets, lemons hanging as protective barriers, and folklore guiding behaviour form a social structure that operates more on inherited belief than rational explanation, and of course, the fear of Kolideva (Torch Ghost). Director Ravi Saranga uses this cultural framework not merely as background but as the narrative's central driving force.

Into this tightly bound world arrives Shiva (Raj B Shetty), a suspended police officer, who is transferred to what appears to be a low-crime region. Shiva carries visible emotional fractures, he drinks and maintains a detached emotional presence, and functions with a professional instinct dulled by personal unrest. His arrival does not immediately disrupt the village, but his presence gradually exposes its fragile stability.

The village functions under the spiritual authority of priest Siddhaya Swami (B Suresha), whose influence strengthens a belief system that treats omens as warnings and predictions as inevitabilities. The story pays meticulous attention to these symbolic markers. A crow's call or a crab's crawl is never staged as a coincidence; each moment becomes a narrative device illustrating how communities validate fear when events begin to align with prophecy.

The illusion of calm fractures when a sequence of disappearances and deaths unsettles the village. What emerges is not a straightforward investigation but a layered conflict where paranoia, rituals, beliefs, and human motivations blur into one another.

The village police station's relaxed, conversation-driven functioning, combined with the need to climb trees to access a mobile signal, reflects *Rakkasapuradhol*'s deliberately slow rhythm, where even communication feels uncertain and distant. The question that gradually builds is whether Shiva will be able to find his way through the mystery of the killings. Director Ravi Saranga avoids reducing the narrative into a simplistic clash between faith and logic. Instead, uncertainty dominates, creating a mystery that constantly shifts emotional and psychological ground.

The storyline may initially appear familiar: a rural community governed by superstition confronting unexplained violence, but the screenplay finds strength in its structural discipline. The first half invests time in establishing behavioural patterns and social hierarchies, allowing the audience to absorb the village's moral ecosystem. The second half alters the film's pace, particularly during the final stretch, where the narrative compresses into a series of sharply executed twists that sustain tension until the closing moments.

One of the film's major strengths lies in its management of suspicion. The screenplay repeatedly redistributes doubt, preventing viewers from settling comfortably on one interpretation or suspect. This shifting perspective keeps the mystery psychologically engaging. When the antagonist is finally revealed, the moment does not rely solely on shock value but maintains thematic continuity.

The director also introduces a reflective layer through psychological mirroring between the protagonist and antagonist. Both characters appear shaped by similar emotional wounds, yet their responses to trauma diverge. The film quietly explores how unresolved pain can evolve either into protective instinct or destructive impulse, giving the narrative emotional resonance beyond procedural investigation. The suspense structure is balanced with intimate personal storytelling. Shiva's domestic life reflects quiet disintegration. Roopa (Swathisha Krishnan) embodies emotional exhaustion, managing household struggles while confronting her husband's instability. Their relationship is portrayed without overt confrontation, relying instead on emotional distance and unspoken resentment.

Archana Kottige, as Parvathi, Belli's single mother, adds emotional vulnerability while positioning her family under constant social scrutiny. The developing bond between Shiva and Belli becomes one of the film's emotional anchors, particularly as Belli's repeated ghost story, passed down through oral storytelling, reflects how fear and folklore are transmitted across generations.

Supporting characters further enrich the film's rural moral compass. Performances from Gopal Krishna Deshpande, B Suresha and Jahangir also contribute meaningfully to the narrative's emotional and thematic layering. A special shoutout must be given to Aniruddh Bhat, who leaves a noticeable impression and delivers a performance that deserves recognition.

Technically, *Rakkasapuradhol* relies heavily on atmospheric storytelling. Cinematographer William David constructs shadow-dense frames and uneasy spatial compositions that build visual tension without resorting to stylistic excess. The visual tone consistently suggests that danger is lurking just beyond the visible frame. Arjun Janya delivers one of his most controlled background score works, functioning as an emotional undercurrent that heightens suspense.

Producer Ravi Varma's involvement is evident in the action choreography, which integrates seamlessly into the storytelling rather than existing as a standalone spectacle. The dialogues by Kraanthi Kumar, especially through the humour woven into the police constables (Gowrav Shetty and others), offer carefully timed tonal relief. Mohan B Kere's production design brings naturalness to the film's visual environment.

Raj B Shetty approaches Shiva with admirable restraint, choosing internal conflict over expressive dramatics. His performance relies on stillness, silence, physical hesitation, and controlled dialogue delivery, presenting a character who observes more than he reacts. Swathisha Krishna ndelivers a grounded portrayal despite limited screen time, bringing authenticity to her character's emotional fatigue. Archana Kottige effectively justifies her role within the emotional framework provided, and the little girl brings her innocent charm.

Rakkasapuradhol attempts to occupy a distinctive space within suspense crime storytelling by blending investigative drama with village folklore-driven psychological tension. The film occasionally reveals minor narrative roughness but sustains intrigue through strong world-building and performance-driven storytelling.

More than its mystery, *Rakkasapuradhol* remains effective because of its human core. The film suggests that fear rarely emerges from the unknown alone; it often grows from the stories societies choose to believe and protect. The presence of Kolideva, the village's torch ghost, becomes a subtle metaphor for the emotional shadows haunting its characters. As the story unfolds, the actors carry this weight, becoming the torchbearers of the film's fear, vulnerability, and tension. And this draws viewers into a world where silence, belief, and suspicion burn slowly, illuminating the delicate line between myth and human truth.

RAKKASAPURADHOL
Director : Ravi Saranga
Cast: Raj B Shetty, Anirudh Bhat, Swathishta Krishnan, Archana Kottige, Gopal Deshpande, B Suresha, and MS Jahangir

RATING 3.5/5

A tale of innocence that struggles to land

A SHARADHAA

KARIKAADA
Director: Venkatesha K
Cast: Kaada Natraj, Niriksha Shetty, Yash Shetty, Bala Rajwadi, Vijay Chendoor, Vipin Prakash, and Baby Riddhi

KARIKAADA arrives with an ambitious premise, a dual-incarnation story that shifts between village roots and modern life. Kaada (Kada Nataraj) is a boar hunter in his village, rugged, sharp-eyed, and tied to the rhythms of forest life. In the modern sequences, he struggles to find direction, creating a disconnect that the film never fully resolves. The concept is promising, but the execution leaves the audience wanting more.

The heart of the story is Kaada's relationship with Kanaka (Niriksha Shetty). Her steadfast, unrequited love has the potential to add depth, but the screenplay dilutes it. Kaada's eventual acceptance of Kanaka comes late and lacks emotional resonance. The upper-class antagonists (Yash Shetty, Bala Rajwadi) provide conflict, but their confrontations, though energetic, are repetitive. Comic relief from Vijay Chendur offers some levity but feels inconsistently placed, breaking the film's tonal flow.

RATING 2.5/5

Cinematographer Jeevan Gowda captures the forests and rain-drenched sequences with a visual flair that is occasionally striking. Music by Athishay Jain and Shashank Sheshagiri delivers an interesting medley of tracks, which feel more decorative than narrative-driven.

Director Venkatesha takes on a challenging canvas with dual timelines and layered emotions. His ambition is evident, particularly in attempting to balance rustic drama with modern sensibilities. Yet the transitions between Kaada's incarnations are uneven, and the emotional beats often fall flat.

Karikaada is likely to connect with audiences who enjoy the blend of action, melodrama, and rural appeal. For urban audiences or those seeking coherent storytelling and strong character arcs, the film may feel patchy. While Kada Nataraj and Niriksha Shetty show promise, and the supporting cast performs competently, the film struggles to turn its ambitious idea into a satisfying cinematic experience.

Crime and myth effectively come together in this compelling film

A SHARADHAA

GHARGA
Director: M Shashidhar
Cast: Arun Ramprasad, Saikumar Pudipeddi, Arun Sagar, Sampath Raj, Rahul Dev, Dev Gill, Sravan Raghavendra, Arun Sagar, Mithra and Rihana Sheik

GHARGA starts with a warning. The story follows Vikram Adiga (Arun Ramprasad), a novelist on a quest to discover the truth about Mahabala Aithal, a respected figure whose disappearance has become local folklore. Vikram's search takes him to Gharga, a place spoken of in whispers and called The Land of Shadows. It doesn't appear on maps but is deeply woven into cultural memory. *Gharga* is presented as a location people avoid mentioning. Early interactions with locals set the tone. Directions are vague but warnings are clear, with comments suggesting that entering *Gharga* may mean not coming back.

Joined by Pundarika (Arun Sagar), Vikram's journey swiftly shifts from investigation to immersion. One of the film's strong points is how it builds tension through suggestion instead of overt horror. Conversations create discomfort, silences feel intentional, and the unfamiliar landscape becomes part of the storytelling.

In mainstream cinema, new actors often bear the pressure of being the film's face. They are meant to shine, dominate scenes, and announce their presence. However, *Gharga* changes that expectation. Director Shashidhar presents Arun Ramprasad not as a newcomer seeking the spotlight but as a character who blends into the story. In a narrative driven more by mood and mystery than heroism, Arun becomes part of the world rather than its center. This allows *Gharga* to evolve into a layered, screenplay-driven thriller focused on atmosphere.

Shashidhar's storytelling emphasises mood and folklore. The narrative unfolds in fragments, weaving together whispered legends, local beliefs, and investigative threads. The village itself becomes the film's main character. The hidden forest, abandoned homes, and ritualistic imagery together form a richer sense of mystery. Even ordinary places carry a strange stillness, reinforcing the idea that *Gharga* exists beyond ordinary reality.

RATING 3/5

The story deepens emotionally and thematically with the arrival of Gajanana Aithal (Sai Kumar). A man torn between faith and violence, Gajanana comes bearing a weapon but is deeply devoted to Lord Shiva. Sai Kumar brings strength and emotional depth, anchoring the film's shifting narrative. Through his character, the movie tries to uncover the enduring legend of Mahabala Aithal, depicted as both a literary figure and a nearly mythical presence in the village memory. The screenplay avoids oversimplifying this character, keeping the mystery around him alive.

Despite these limitations, *Gharga* effectively merges crime, folklore, and mythology into an engaging narrative. Fear is built through unease and unanswered questions. The film avoids tidy resolutions, allowing its mysteries to linger. The closing moments signal the beginning of a larger journey, positioning *Gharga* as an intriguing opening chapter that leaves viewers anticipating what comes next.

The ensemble cast strengthens the narrative flow. Arun Sagar adds intensity with well-timed humour. Sai Kumar brings authority and emotional depth. Mithra and Muni offer steady support, while Rihana stands out in a visually striking song and plays a crucial narrative role. Dev Gill makes a strong impression in a brief appearance, as does Rahul Dev. Sampath's narration helps connect the layered backstory and guides viewers through the unfolding mystery.

Technically, *Gharga* is polished and immersive. Cinematographer Guru Prasad Narnad captures the remote landscapes with isolating beauty, deepening the film's emotional and atmospheric pull. Guru Kiran and RP Patnaik's background score sustains a lingering unease without overwhelming the narrative, while L Satish Kumar's sound design heightens immersion, especially in moments where silence becomes a storytelling device. The visual treatment of forests, abandoned structures, and ritualistic symbolism linked to Shiva mythology creates a haunting aesthetic, reinforced by the recurring "Shiva Shiva" musical motif.

The editing sustains narrative momentum despite the film's layered storytelling. However, Gharga's commitment to ambiguity becomes a double-edged sword. While the mystery strengthens engagement, certain narrative strands remain deliberately elusive, which may leave some viewers searching for clearer emotional closure.

The film treats fear as a presence rather than a momentary shock, creating unease through atmosphere and unanswered questions. Instead of tying every thread neatly, the story consciously holds back, allowing its mysteries to breathe. The closing moments clearly explains that this journey is only partially complete, setting the stage for a deeper exploration in the next chapter. As a standalone first instalment, *Gharga* thrives on intrigue, morally layered characters, and shifting narrative ground, leaving viewers with anticipation for what unfolds next.

Javier Bardem, Kate Hudson star in *Hello and Paris*

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ELIZABETH Chomko, of *What They Had* fame, is set to direct a drama from her own screenplay that explores a long-distance relationship and is titled *Hello and Paris*. Javier Bardem and Kate Hudson have been cast in the lead roles of the film, based on Deborah McKinlay's novel That Part Was True. Producer Finola Dwyer of Best Picture Oscar nominees such as *An Education* and *Brooklyn* is attached to the project. Dwyer is set to produce the film along with Fifth Season.

According to reports, the film is similar to titles such as *Sleepless in Seattle, You've Got Mail*, and *When Harry Met Sally*. Following a not-so-comfortable first meeting in Paris, France, a novelist and a landscape architect start bonding over recipes and books. Over time, they realise that it is harder to decide not to be lonely than to experience loneliness. Speaking about the film, Christopher Slager, Head of Film at Fifth Season, stated, "Elizabeth Chomko is a true generational talent, and we couldn't be prouder to bring her brilliant adaptation to life in partnership with Finola Dwyer."

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A SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE THROUGH DECEASED ORGAN DONATION

For 48-year-old Unnikrishnan, life for nearly three years revolved around dialysis and survival after being diagnosed with end-stage kidney failure in 2022. With no suitable family donor, he was placed on the deceased donor kidney transplant waiting list and continued regular dialysis despite multiple health challenges, including long-term dialysis, poorly controlled hypertension, and a hypertensive stroke in 2024.

After almost 36 months of waiting, a suitable kidney from an 18-year-old deceased donor, who lost his life in a road accident, became available. The transplant was successfully performed by Consultant Nephrologist Dr. Nishchay B along with Transplant Surgeons Dr. Pramod S and Dr. Dileep M, supported by a dedicated medical team.

With careful monitoring and expert care, the transplanted kidney gradually regained function. Today, Unnikrishnan is free from dialysis and leading a normal life with good kidney function.

Highlighting the importance of hope and awareness, Dr. Nishchay B said, "Dialysis is not the end for eligible patients. With proper evaluation and discipline, deceased donor kidney transplantation can offer a new lease on life."

Doctors emphasized that organ donation continues to transform lives, offering renewed hope to patients with end-stage kidney disease.